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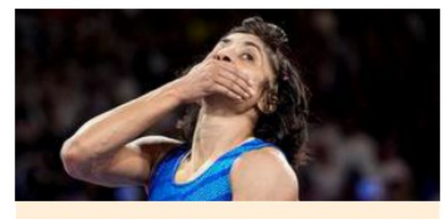

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The Hindu Bureau
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In an unprecedented decision that threatens to cut long-standing ties with banking behemoth the State Bank of India and the Punjab National Bank, government departments, boards/corporations, universities, local bodies and public sector undertakings have been asked to sever relations with both banks.

Not only have they been asked to withdraw the deposits and close accounts immediately but they have been told not to have any relationship with the two banks in future.

The move follows separate disputes with the banks over a total of ₹22 crore kept as fixed deposits, which the State government failed to get back after the term ended.

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Captain killed in gunfight with militants in Doda

One militant shot down in the fourth encounter in J&K since August 10; Capt. Deepak Singh died of injuries sustained when he engaged a group of militants; intermittent gunfire continues

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

An Army Captain was killed in an anti-terror operation in the dense forests of the Shivgarh-Akar range of Doda in Jammu on Wednesday.

A group of militants were encircled and engaged in a gunfight on Tuesday evening, triggering a fierce encounter. One of them was killed in the operation.

Officials said Captain Deepak Singh sustained bullet injuries when he was leading a patrol towards the hiding militants on Tuesday night and kept "engaging militants in a firefight twice in the night".

The militants were hiding in a riverine area, making it difficult for the security forces to advance at the hiding spots. The encounter site was rattled by a fierce exchange of fire between the security forces and the three or four militants.

Ground zero: Army vehicles near the site of an encounter between security forces and militants in Doda on Wednesday. PTI

Weapons recovered

An Army spokesperson said one terrorist was neutralised. "An AK-47 and an M4 rifle were recovered at the encounter site. Intermittent exchange of fire continues," the spokesperson said. Three rucksacks were recovered during searches, officials said.

Once a militancy-free pocket of Doda, the Akar forests are close to the tourist spot of Patnitop. The Army on Tuesday launched a joint operation "based on specific intelligence inputs". The security forces spotted the hiding militants around 7.30 p.m.

The Doda encounter was the fourth in Jammu and Kashmir since August 10. Two soldiers and a civilian were earlier killed in the Kokernag area of Anantnag in an encounter with militants, who managed to flee.

In a separate incident, a soldier and two porters were injured in a mine blast along the Line of Control in Mandi area of Poonch. Official sources said the blast took place close to the Tekri Post in Mandi around 2.30 p.m. Havildar Inderjeet Singh and porters Shakeel Hussain and Neeraj Choudhary were injured.

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Murmu urges people to reject tendencies that stoke discord

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Social justice is the top priority of the government and affirmative action should be strengthened as an instrument of inclusion, President Droupadi Murmu said on Wednesday, while urging people to reject tendencies that "stoke discord based on perceived social hierarchies".

The President's assertions come at a time when the Congress and other INDIA bloc partners have been exerting pressure on the Narendra Modi government to conduct a caste census and had made social justice as their main election plank in the Lok Sabha election.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 78th Independence Day, Ms. Murmu asserted that the successful conduct of the Lok Sabha election strengthens "democratic forces around the world and the idea of democracy".

President Droupadi Murmu

She said that from 2021 to 2024, India has been among the fastest growing major economies, with an average growth rate of 8% annually, and is poised to become one of the top three economies. She lauded the Prime Minister's package of five schemes for employment and skilling that will benefit 4.1 crore youth over five years.

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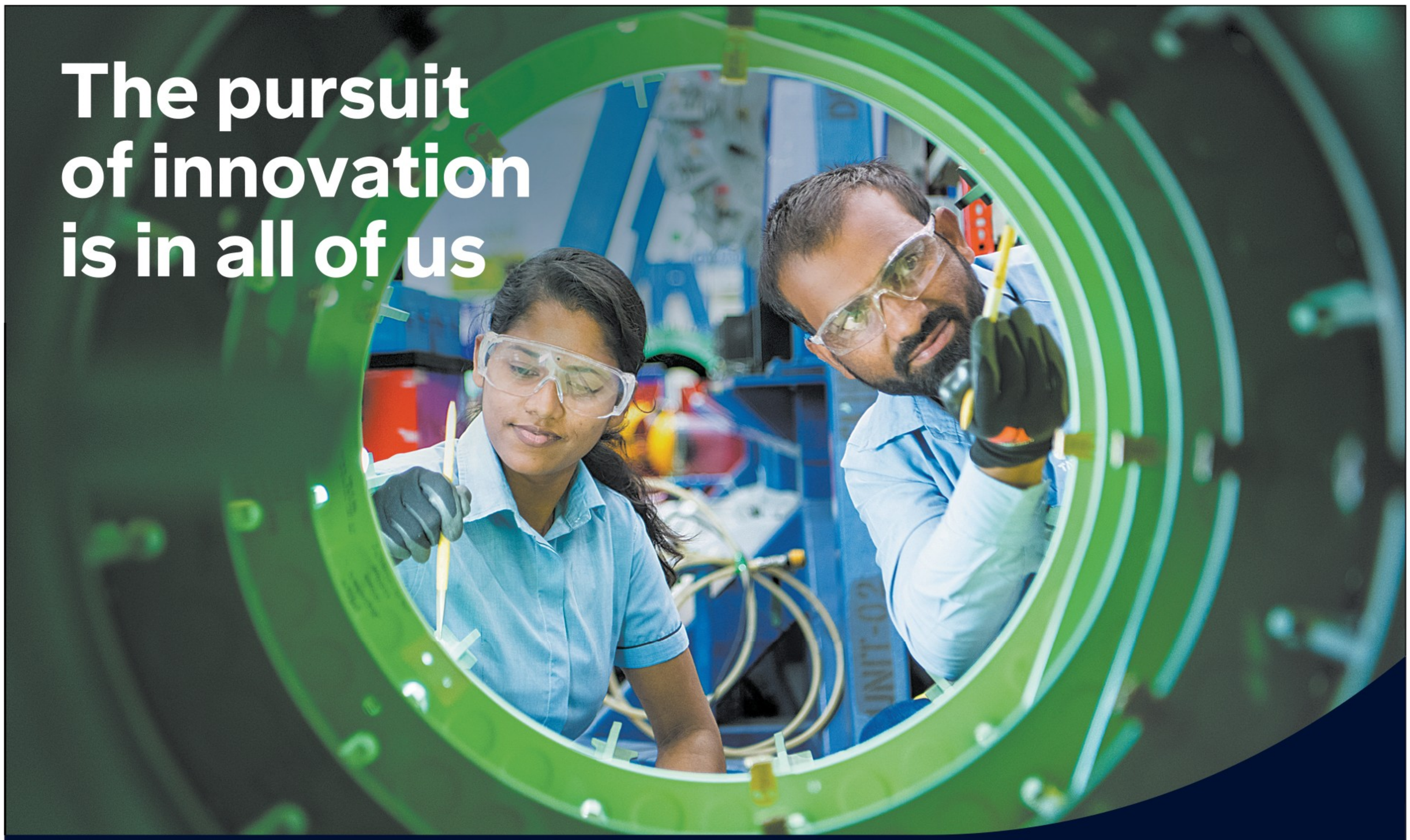
Some Ministers want a 'rethink' on guarantees

BENGALURU
A few Ministers are mounting pressure on the Congress government to "rethink" the contours of the five guarantee schemes for the full five-year term, as many rich and middle-class families have been benefiting from the schemes. » Page 8

Respiratory infections too on the rise

BENGALURU
It is not just dengue that is causing alarm in the city. Hospitals are seeing a rush of patients with flu-like illness along with upper and lower respiratory infections for almost a month now. » Page 4



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We had a good chance to play in the semifinals

The paddler — who lost to top seed Sun in the pre-quarterfinals after leading for most of the match in the singles competition — expressed mixed feelings about her Olympic experience as the Indian women's team, too, bowed out in the quarterfinals against Germany

INTERVIEW

Sreeja Akula

Amol Karhadkar

More than just a teammate: Archana, right, brought a cupcake for Sreeja on her birthday after the latter's pre-quarterfinals match against Sun. PTI

She has had a rollercoaster ride over the last month. She is thrilled for having made it to the singles pre-quarterfinals – that too on her birthday – and stretching top seed and the eventual silver medallist before bowing out of the Paris Games. She is equally disappointed at letting go of a chance to make it to the team events semifinals.

If the spectacular reception she received upon her arrival to hometown Hyderabad came as a surprise, it was followed by the diagnosis of a stress fracture that has ruled her out for six weeks. Welcome to the world of Sreeja Akula, the paddler who made India proud at her maiden Olympics!

Sreeja - while trying to make the most of her forced break - relives her Olympic experience in a chat with *The Hindu*.

How would you sum up the fortnight in Paris?

It was a very good exposure and experience for me, especially since my singles matches went very well. I had a tough draw, but I gave my best. I played against Cristina (Kallberg) from Sweden in my first round and the second one was against the Singapore girl (Zeng Jian). I had lost to both of them recently, but I am happy that I could play my best and beat them when it mattered.

Against the Chinese (top seed Sun Yingsha), I played a great match. I was leading in the first two sets. I was a bit upset that I couldn't convert them, but I think the experience also mattered then and she really played well.

The team event loss was a bit disappointing. We had a good chance to play in the semifinals, so not very satisfied with the result. We all gave our best and we just have to come back stronger and learn from our mistakes.

Playing your first Olympics, that too with the added baggage of being the highest-ranked Indian woman. How did you soak it in?

I did not have any such baggage of being the highest-ranked Indian woman or something. I never had that in my mind. I just wanted to give my 100 per cent. Ranking is just a number, I just have to focus on my game and improve each and every day.

It was a different feeling entering the arena. The entire stadium was fully packed and there was so much noise. But once I entered the arena, I didn't have anything in my mind. It was just the opponent, the ball and me on the table. That's it. I was just focusing on that. I thought that I'll play the game I have learned. The cheering motivated me a lot and I enjoyed that.

Let's talk about July 31st. You are used to playing on your birthdays, but this time around it started with the joy of making it to the pre-quarterfinals and ended in despair despite stretching the top seed.

It was a mixed feeling. I was happy that I could make it to the pre-quarterfinals... I gave my best in the last 16 and I had no regrets. But now feel I could have done something else. I did all that I can and kudos to her (Sun, who saved nine game points in the first two games combined).

She played really well when even though she was 5-10 down (in the second game). It was a great learning for me the way she played at that time. She took so many risks, it was a learning experience for me. I was very disappointed after that match. I just went to the bed crying. But when I look back, I can take those learnings and can now say it was a good day.

Did you cut a birthday cake?

Not really. On that day, I couldn't. I didn't find any time but my friend and teammate Archana (Kamath) got a small cupcake for me. I cut it while having dinner. It was very sweet of her to get it for me.

There is a lot of chatter about the support staff appointment for the Olympics, with all three of you being allowed to travel with your personal coach. Despite the limited access to training facilities, can you elaborate on the benefits of having your personal coach around?

Somnath (Ghosh) sir being around right throughout, and even during the camp, helped me a lot. He was there for every practice session and also in Paris. We reached almost a week before our matches and he was around all along to motivate and guide me.

I play with him before every match and I was doing the same in Paris as well. Playing with him gives me that extra boost in confidence and I was able to do the same in Paris. Although he was not there in the match, I was looking at him in the gallery so many times and his presence was a boon.

Olympics felt like just another tournament since he was there. That way, it was very helpful for me and I thank the Federation for helping us get accreditation for the personal coach.

What matters more to you personally: making it to the singles pre-quarterfinal or the team event quarterfinal?

Um.... Both are really good. Based on the draw, we could have made it to the team semifinals. We did our best, there's no doubt in that, but we are not that satisfied with our result. Everybody's expectations were more and we can understand that. It would have been nice if we could have entered the semifinals in team. So yeah, that's what I can say.

> I have to rest for six weeks due to a stress fracture. I will treat this phase as a part of my training. I will try to prepare myself mentally and get back stronger
> **SREEJA**

Can you give us a sense about being a part of the Olympic village?

It was something very different. It had a very different feeling. You get to see so many other athletes. I was lucky to have met (Rafael) Nadal, (Carlos) Alcaraz and Serena Williams. They are some of the best athletes in the world. I got to see them and it was very inspiring to see other athletes. You go to the gym and you see so many athletes working hard. It was a totally different feeling altogether.

Can you tell us the goals you have set for yourself with an eye on LA 28?

For now, I have to rest for six weeks due to a stress fracture. I will treat this phase as a part of my training. I will try to prepare myself mentally and get back stronger. Once I recover, there are two Champions tournaments and then Asian Championship and the China Smash. Besides the international calendar, we also have the domestic calendar coming up.

So, I will strive to improve every day. I'll just try to keep improving my skills, and also physically I need to improve. I learned that I have to get better a lot on my speed and reflexes and I'll also be working on that. I was ranked 21 at the last world rankings update. My aim will be to keep improving, enter the top 20 and then the top 15 in the world.

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Oven no bar: extremophile bacteria have learnt to survive microwaves

Scientists have isolated microbes from volcanoes, permafrost, acid mines, deep-sea hydrothermal vents, and dark lakes kilometres under polar ice. They have also been found thriving on the exteriors of spacecraft and around nuclear waste storage sites. Such microbes are called extremophiles

Sridhar Sivasubbu
Vinod Scaria

Since the bacterial communities found in microwave ovens were selected by evolution to survive repeated rounds of radiation, they may have applications in the bioremediation of toxic waste. Representative image. LILIANA DREW/UNSPLASH

Microorganisms have mastered the art of surviving on earth. They are found practically in all niches where life can possibly thrive. Over millions of years of evolution, they have developed mechanisms to adapt to diverse habitats. They are very flexible and able to colonise extreme environments, even those off limits to more complex life-forms.

Scientists have isolated microbes from volcanic vents, permafrost, acid mines, deep-sea hydrothermal vents, and dark lakes buried kilometres under polar ice caps. Microbes have also been found thriving on the exteriors of spacecraft and around nuclear waste storage sites. Microbes that live in extreme natural conditions are called extremophiles. Many researchers believe that life began on earth in an extreme environmental niche, in the form of an extremophile, before spreading and adapting to more temperate ecosystems.

Microbes adapt to extreme environments by incorporating unique biological and biochemical processes. More complex life-forms, like humans, have evolved to have one set of proteins with which they navigate life. Extremophile microbes, on the other hand, have multiple sets of proteins, each customised for life in a specific environmental niche.

They 'activate' each set depending on the conditions around them and what they need to survive: say, one set for the super-high temperature during a volcanic eruption, one for the debilitating lack of water during a prolonged drought, and one for the gruesome acidity of a volcanic crater lake.

A key to biology itself

Our knowledge of microbes, especially in the earth's various environmental niches, is still in its infancy. Many global initiatives are currently trying to map, organise, and understand this diversity. One is the ambitious 'Earth Microbiome Project'. It was founded in 2010 to sequence 200,000 genetic samples and assemble 500,000 microbial genomes. Another is the 'Earth Biogenome Project' – to sequence the genomes of all of the planet's eukaryotic organisms to create one of the largest and most comprehensive maps of organisms on the earth in a decade.

A further advantage to understanding how extremophiles adapt lies in a number of biological and industrial applications. For example, in the 1960s, U.S. researchers isolated a new species of bacteria from a hot spring at Yellowstone National Park and named it *Thermus aquaticus*. This microbe is able to produce a heat-resistant enzyme called Taq DNA polymerase. This enzyme is an important and valuable workhorse of molecular biology because of its application in the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Readers will recall that this is a technique to identify the presence of certain DNA in a biological sample, popularised during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the discovery of Taq, researchers have found a number of other polymerases from a variety of extremophile microbes and have reengineered them for various applications in molecular biology with remarkable success.

What life can look like

Our rapidly expanding ability to 'read' the genomes of organisms – thanks in turn to the increasing throughput of sequencing machines and their dropping costs and our ability to synthesise DNA nucleotides in the lab – has spawned a new era in utilising biological processes at scale to solve human problems. Unravelling the biological rules governing extremophiles could thus enable researchers to engineer organisms to have new abilities, like helping poultry resist an infectious disease or creating synthetic biological systems that can augment the immune system.

Knowledge of new mechanisms can also help scientists determine the limits of habitability on other planets. For example, in 2011, scientists in Japan reported growing microbes in a centrifuge subjected to a g-force of more than 400,000 (1 g is the force you experience at rest on the earth's surface). They also found that some of these microbes didn't only survive: their population grew, meaning they thrived. It was a significant finding because it proved microbes are not deterred by hypergravity, of the sort found on large planets and stars.

In a 2020 study, scientists reported that *Deinococcus radiodurans*, an earth-born bacteria, could survive in outer space for more than three years, stuck to the outside of the International Space Station and being blasted with ultraviolet radiation.

These studies hold promise not just for life beyond the earth but for such microbes to have colonised extreme conditions that humans might think twice about entering.

> Microbes adapt to extreme environments by incorporating unique biological and biochemical processes. Extremophile microbes have multiple sets of proteins, each customised for life in a specific environmental niche

On the earth, researchers have found bacteria living in elevator switches, personal grooming devices, home cleaning machines, and cooking appliances. These devices have their own microscopic ecosystems subjected to specific selective pressures and thus a well-defined microbiome. In fact, researchers have already found that coffee machines and dishwashers have their own distinct microbial communities.

The coffee-machine-based community is interesting because caffeine is an alkaloid and has well-known antibacterial properties. In spite of this, researchers found a microbiome rich in coffee-adapted bacteria in the machines. Caffeine-degrading microbes provide insights into developing strategies for decaffeination and bioremediation. Similarly, microbial communities isolated from the dishwashers have included both bacterial and fungal species; some of them were also opportunistic pathogens – they cause disease in people with weakened immune systems – and thus could have a wide medical impact.

The meaning of safety

Speaking of medical impact: on August 8, researchers at the University of Valencia in Spain reported in the journal *Frontiers in Microbiology* the results of their investigation into bacterial communities in microwave ovens installed in domestic settings, large shared spaces, and in molecular biology research facilities. They used a combination of culturing methods and genome-sequencing to document hundreds of strains of bacteria from these ovens. Many of them were bacterial species often found in human skin, while a few others were known to cause food-borne illnesses.But there is no need to panic: the bacterial communities found in the ovens were still not very different from those found on kitchen surfaces and thus didn't pose a higher risk of any diseases.

One interesting detail in the study was that domestic microwave ovens were enriched in food-associated microbial communities, in line with their primary utility, whereas the ovens in research facilities housed bacterial communities that were more resistant to radiation, desiccation, and high temperature, in line with those found in environments like the surfaces of solar panels, which are constantly exposed to (favourable and unfavourable) radiation. This difference could reflect the differences in the selective pressures imposed by the microbes' environments – that is to say, not all extremes are the same.

Since the extremophile communities found in microwave ovens were selected by evolution, in a manner of speaking, to survive repeated rounds of radiation, they may have applications in the bioremediation of toxic waste. It seems they may never cease to amaze.

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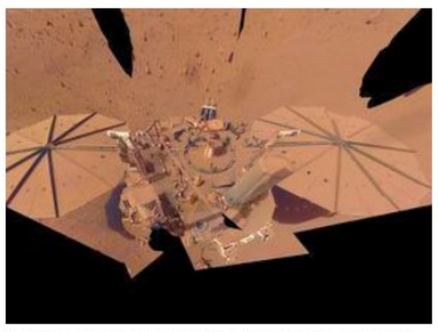

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An immense reservoir of liquid water may reside deep under the surface of Mars within fractured igneous rocks, holding enough to fill an ocean that would cover the entire surface of Earth's planetary neighbor.

That is the conclusion of scientists based on seismic data obtained by NASA's robotic InSight lander during a mission that helped decipher the interior of Mars. The water, located about 11.5 to 20 km below the Martian surface, potentially offers conditions favourable to sustaining microbial life, the researchers said.

"At these depths, the crust is warm enough for water to exist as a liquid. At more shallow depths, the water would be frozen as ice," said planetary scientist Vashan Wright of the University of California, San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the lead author of the study published on Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"On Earth, we find microbial life deep underground, where rocks are saturated with water and there is an energy source," added planetary scientist and study co-author Michael Manga of the University of California, Berkeley.

The InSight lander touched down in 2018 to study the deep interior of Mars, gathering data on the planet's various layers, from its liquid metal core to its mantle and its crust. The InSight mission ended in 2022.

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"InSight was able to measure the speed of seismic waves and how they change with depth. The speed of seismic waves depends on what the rock is made of, where it has cracks, and what fills the cracks," Mr. Wright said. "We combined the measured seismic wave speed, gravity measurements, and rock physics models. The rock physics models are the same as the ones we use to measure the properties of aquifers on earth or map oil and gas resources underground."

The data indicated the presence of this reservoir of liquid water within fractured igneous rocks – formed in the cooling and solidification of magma or lava – in the Martian crust, the planet's outermost layer.

"A mid-crust whose rocks are cracked and filled with liquid water best explains both seismic and gravity data," Mr. Wright said. "The water exists within fractures. If the InSight location is representative and you extract all the water from the fractures in the mid-crust, we estimate that the water would fill a 1-2 km deep (0.6-1.2 miles) ocean on Mars globally."

The Martian surface is cold and desolate today but once was warm and wet. That changed more than 3 billion years ago. The study suggests that much of the water that had been on the Martian surface did not escape into space, but rather filtered down into the crust.

Water would be a vital resource if humankind ever is to place astronauts on the Martian surface or establish some sort of long-term settlement. But the depth of the apparent underground liquid water would make it difficult to access. "Drilling to these depths is very challenging. Looking for places where geological activity expels this water, possibly the tectonically active Cerberus Fossae (a region in the northern hemisphere of Mars), is an alternative to looking for deep liquids," Mr. Manga said.

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Modern India's foundations of science, scholarship

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1
In the early 1900s, this chemist published a famous work called 'A History of Hindu Chemistry' in two volumes. He was noted for his work on the synthesis of various nitrites and as an industrialist, philanthropist, and nationalist. The British called him a "revolutionary in the garb of a scientist." Name him.

QUESTION 2
Some scientists were instrumental in adapting what was still a European science to India's needs. For example, A published the book *Applied Nutrition* in 1969 — an important text that adapted the precepts of nutrition science to Indian conditions. Name A.

QUESTION 3
In the late 19th century, when Jamsetji Tata and B were travelling together from Yokohama to Chicago, a conversation they'd had inspired Tata to later help set up the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). Name B.

QUESTION 4
In 1933, IISc director C.V. Raman declined to admit C for an MSc because she was a woman, prompting C to protest outside his office. He finally relented, albeit with some shameful conditions. After graduating, C left the country for the U.K. and became a noted biochemist, returning in 1939 to participate in the freedom struggle. Name C.

QUESTION 5
In 1904, public health activists D and John Andrew Turner founded the Bombay Sanitary Association to advocate for "sanitary consciousness". D was also among India's first medical researchers who conducted clinical trials. Name D.

Answers to August 8 quiz:
1. Cause of firestorms in which air rises in a hot column – **Ans: Stack effect**
2. Germany city firebombed on February 13-15, 1945 – **Ans: Dresden**
3. Name of cumulus clouds created by large fires – **Ans: Flammagenitus**
4. Name of February 7, 2009, bushfire in Australia – **Ans: Black Saturday**
5. Features created when eddies trap combustible substances – **Ans: Fire whirl**

Visual: **Great Fire of Rome**
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Two women murdered in separate incidents

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Two women were murdered in separate incidents in and around Bengaluru.

A 25-year-old woman was stabbed to death allegedly by her husband over a domestic row at Jattiganahalli in Kengeri police station limits on Wednesday. Gouri was married to Nagesh for eight years. The couple had a domestic row following which Nagesh left Gouri in her hometown for six years and brought her back three days ago.

The accused had allegedly taken Gouri to a remote place near a graveyard and stabbed her to death before fleeing. The police arrested Nagesh on the charge of murder.

In the other incident, a 30-year-old woman separated from her husband for the last three years over domestic row was allegedly murdered by him in the forest area in Magadi in Ramanagara on Monday.

The deceased Divya was married to Umesh from Kurupalya village in Magadi and the couple were living separately after Umesh started to fight with her suspecting her fidelity.

On Monday, Umesh allegedly asked her to go along with him to see an advocate and later offered to take her to a temple. Umesh borrowed their friend Balraj's bike.

Umesh returned at night to return the bike to Balraj. Upon asking about Divya, he said she was returning by bus. He later allegedly confessed, Balraj told the police. The Magadi road police initially registered a murder case and later recovered the body in Chiluru forest area. Efforts are on to track down Umesh.

Student killed in accident on NICE road

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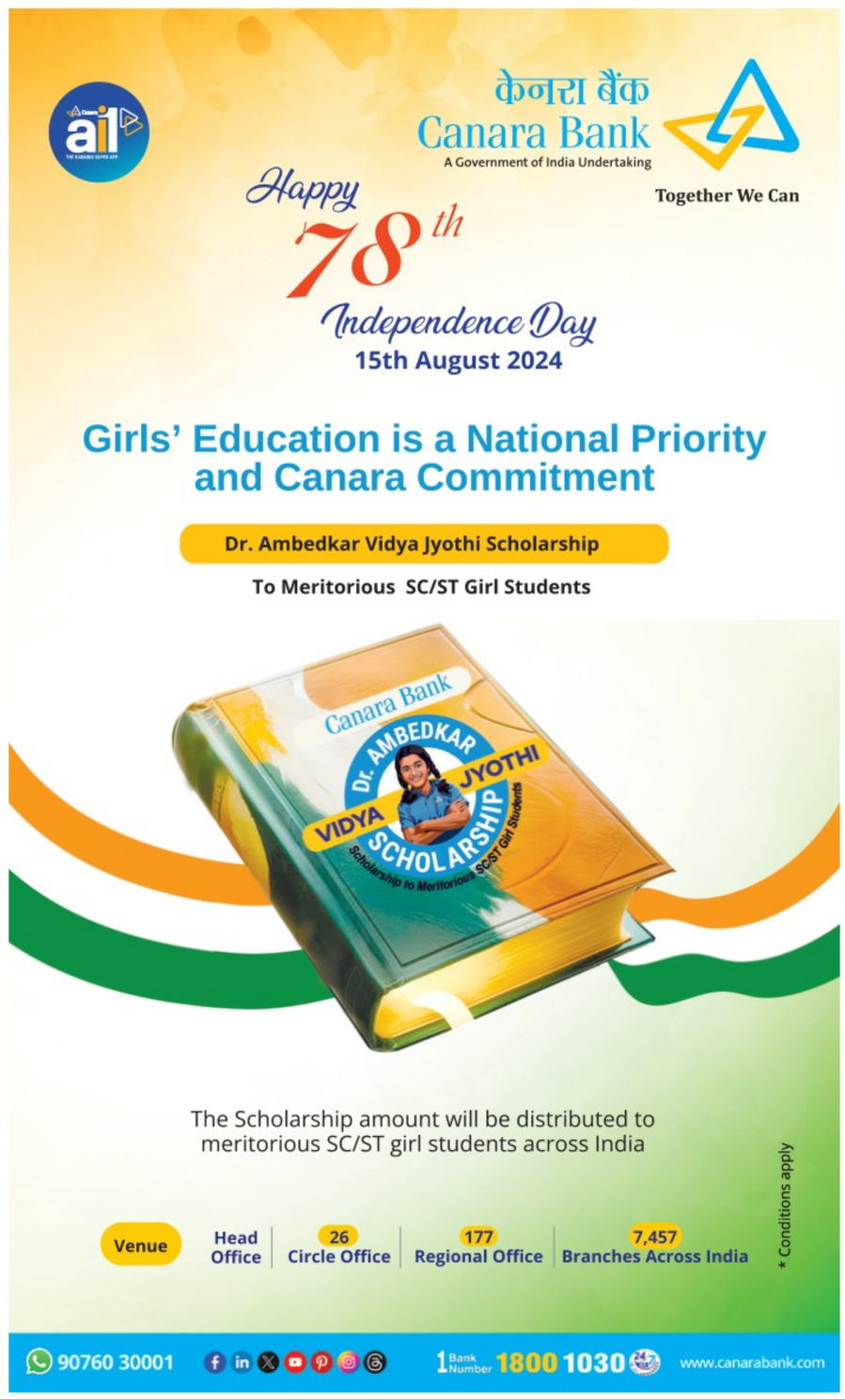
A 19-year-old student was killed after he lost control of his motorcycle and slipped near Ramsandra bridge on NICE road on Wednesday. Shayne Mario Santosh was a BTech student at Christ College, Kumbagodu campus.

According to the Jnana Bharathi police, Shayne was heading towards Magadi road via Kengeri. As he was speeding and riding on the left side of the road, he encountered some obstacles which caused him to lose control and slip.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The Israel weapons package approved by the U.S.

20 in $ billion. The sale comes as President Joe Biden has pressed Israel and Hamas to reach a ceasefire after 10 months of bloodshed. Israel's retaliatory military offensive in Gaza has killed at least 39,929 people. AFP

Prison sentence handed out for blasphemy in Pakistan

25 A Pakistani court has sentenced a man to 25 years of rigorous imprisonment for blasphemy after he allegedly declared himself to be a prophet. Pakistan's blasphemy laws carry a potential death sentence for anyone who insults Islam. PTI

Flag will be hoisted for the first time in these Chhattisgarh villages

13 Remote villages in the Naxalite-hit Bastar region of Chhattisgarh will witness the hoisting of the national flag for the first time on Independence Day. Security camps at these places were established after the Republic Day last year. PTI

Amount Harris campaign is spending on ads for three weeks

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Al-Shabaab: growing from Somalia's ruins

The group, an affiliate of al-Qaeda, has been waging a war against the Somali government for the past 17 years. In a nation fraught with authoritarianism, clan war, famine, piracy, and corruption, al-Shabaab adds another chapter — terror

WORLD INSIGHT

Adithya Narayan

On August 2, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive device at the entrance to the Beach View Hotel on Lido Beach in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, which is often frequented by government officials, businesspersons and youth. Before the shock could abate, five attackers stormed the site and started shooting at civilians indiscriminately. By the time security officials had neutralised the attackers, at least 37 lives were lost and 210 were wounded. The strike was subsequently claimed by al-Shabaab, an affiliate of al-Qaeda, which has waged a war against the Somali government for the past 17 years.

For al-Shabaab, this operation was just another leaf in its playbook, having conducted similar strikes in the Horn of Africa. In March, the group had laid siege to another hotel in Mogadishu killing 27 people, including three members of parliament and three soldiers. The deadliest attack in the country's history was the double car bombing in October 2017 killing 358 people and injuring 228 in Mogadishu. The attacks have spilled over the border to Kenya too.

But as far as Somalia goes, al-Shabaab is merely a chapter in the nation's history that is fraught with authoritarianism, clan war, famine, piracy, corruption and resource crunch, all of which had prompted the U.S. based-The Fund for Peace to call the country in 2011, a failed state for a fourth year in a row. That is slowly changing with the UN stating in 2021 that the former failed state is on a fragile path to progress.

On forming the state of Somalia

From the seventh to the 19th century, Somalia and neighbouring regions were ruled by a series of Sultanates, with Islam's Sunni subsect being the primary religion. The 19th century witnessed the arrival of colonial powers, and the region was shared between British, Italian and French forces – the first two taking up the lion's share of the area.

Upon the withdrawal of British and Italian forces from the northern and southern regions in 1960, the two regions came together and formed modern-day Somalia. Democracy prevailed for a brief time until 1969 when Siad Barre came to power through a military coup.

Siad Barre propounded an administrative policy called 'scientific socialism' through which he nationalised banks and insurance companies, promoted literacy and strengthened ties with the Soviet Union. Despite Somalis being a largely homogenous group, different clans had ruled the roost. However, Barre saw to it that loyalty to major clans such as Isaaq, Darood, Dir and Hawiye remained outlawed.

The first signs of the authoritarian leader's downfall emerged with the Ogaden war that Somalia fought with its neighbouring Ethiopia in 1977.

The Ogaden war

Imperial European powers had gone into the Horn of Africa and drawn up arbitrary boundaries to carve out territories to suit their convenience. Much like what happened in other parts of the world, this process upended the lives of the natives, who were plucked from their societies and cultures and thrust into alien living conditions. Ogaden was no different. A portion of the region, which fell under the Christian-majority Ethiopia, was home to many Muslim Somalis.

Additionally, notwithstanding colonial legacy, a second factor contributed to the region's complicated history – the area was a breeding ground for Cold War politics. The conflict began in July of 1977 with Ethiopia acting as a U.S. ally and Somalia backed by the USSR.

But by the time the war ended in March 1978, Ethiopia and Somalia were receiving assistance from the USSR and the U.S. respectively.

Despite the initial gains, the war proved costly for Somalia as it had to retreat from the Ogaden region and grapple with the influx of Ogaden Somali refugees.

Depleted of finances and resources, Barre began to lose his grip on the country's administration. Certain policies did not sit well with some clans, who turned against each other. By 1991, Barre fled Somalia following an uprising by clans supported by Libya and Ethiopia. The northern part of the country proclaimed independence as Somaliland; and clan wars were rife, killing close to 3,00,000 Somalis in a year.

Whatever international food aid came Somalia's way was siphoned off by local gangsters and militia leaders.

The U.S., the UN and other international troops took turns coming into the country to fix the situation but to little effect. In October 1993, U.S. Marines tried to arrest the officers of one of the clan leaders, leading the militiamen to shoot down two U.S. Black Hawk Helicopters (depicted in the 2001 film *Black Hawk Down*). Trying to retrieve the helicopter crew cost 18 U.S. lives and led to 300 Somalian deaths.

Efforts to establish transitional governments also proved futile, so much so that by 2004, at least 14 attempts had been made to establish a central governing authority. Although a parliament came to power and elected Hassan Sheikh Mohamud as President in 2012, this did little to improve people's lives. Somalia follows a federal system of governance making the loyalty of clan leaders crucial. The hostility between the clans made it impossible to govern the country. The role of Ethiopia too has not gone unnoticed. It has been accused of meddling in Somalia's affairs trying to protect its interests.

The rise of al-Shabaab

As a famine started spreading in many parts of the country, al-Shabaab, a militant group preaching the Salafist version of Islam, had spread its roots in Somalia by seizing Mogadishu in 2006.

Its origins can be traced back to the al-Ittihad al-Islamiya (AIAI), a militant group that gained prominence in the 1990s after the fall of Barre's regime. Its chief members were trained in West Asia and funded by the al-Qaeda.

However, hardline younger members of the AIAI sought a stricter Sharia rule and swore allegiance to the Islamic Courts Union, ultimately becoming its armed wing, al-Shabaab.

To win back Mogadishu from al-Shabaab, Ethiopia's help was sought by Somalia's transition government in 2006. Though the city was eventually retrieved, al-Shabaab's numbers started to swell because the operation was perceived as an invasion by a foreign force – a narrative that would be peddled by al-Shabaab in the future to rally support. Despite carrying out suicide attacks and terror strikes inside Somalia as well as in Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda, al-Shabaab draws legitimacy by positioning itself as an alternate form of governance for the people of its home country. The militant group has stepped in to fill the void left behind by a government machinery rife with corruption.

The Somali government, with the help of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and the Somali National Army (SMA), managed to drive away al-Shabaab from Mogadishu and other port cities such as Kismayo and Barawe.

With the southern city of Jilib as its defacto capital, al-Shabaab relocated to the south and has now focused its activities in rural areas of Somalia where it offers protection services and plays mediator to disputes.

The terror group also obtains revenue from illicit charcoal trade.

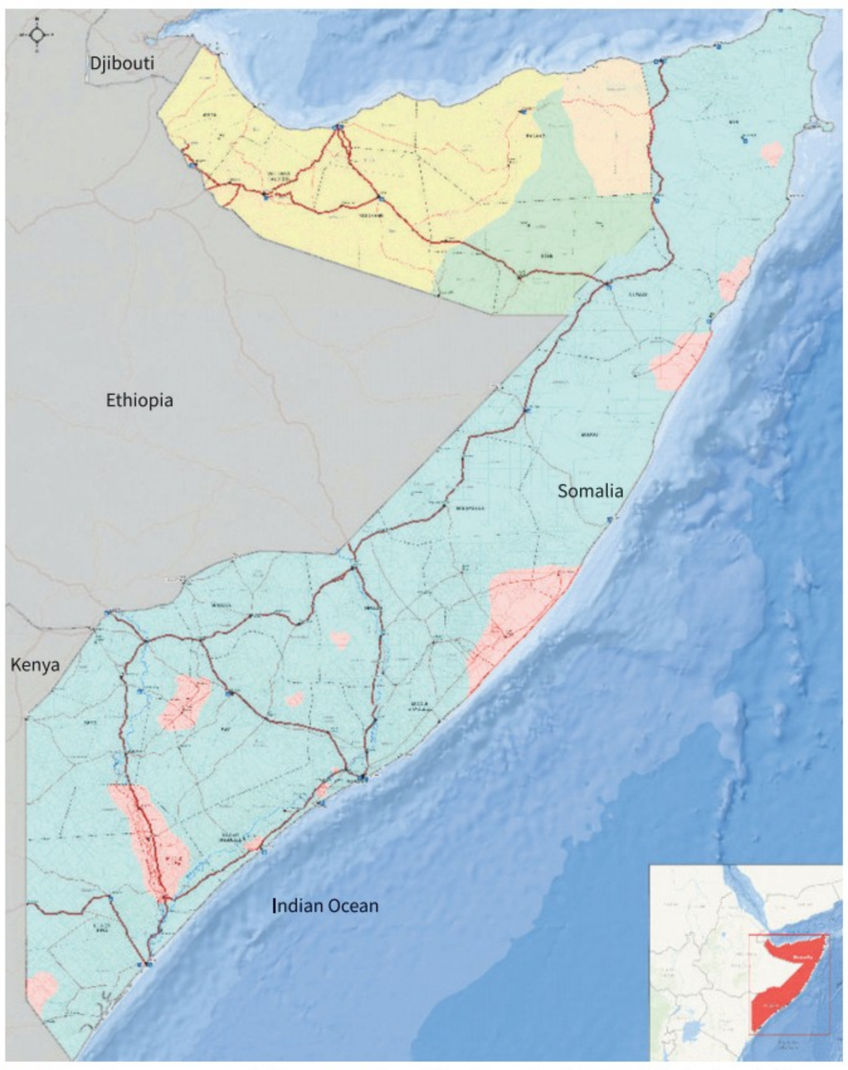
The curtailed nature of al-Shabaab's activities and its confinement to rural areas have been largely hailed as victories of the armed forces. Even then, the occasional attacks planned by them cost 4,000 lives between 2010 and 2020, making it surpass Boko Haram as Africa's biggest terror threat.

More importantly, these attacks land a psychological blow to a population that has not tasted peace in a long time.

Multiple players, one state

Somalia follows a federal system of governance which makes the loyalty of clan leaders crucial. However, the hostility between clans has made it difficult to run the country. Although a parliament came to power in 2012, this did little to improve people's lives

Horrific attack: Hundreds of protesters gather at the Lido beach in Mogadishu on August 5. AFP



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Crime thriller involving a police inspector as accused needs to be investigated: HC

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Stating that maze of facts involved in a criminal case registered against a police inspector "*prima facie* depicts a crime thriller", the High Court of Karnataka said that an investigation is needed to unearth the details while dismissing the petition filed by the accused police inspector, who had challenged the FIR lodged by the Police Department.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by accused police inspector Shankar Naik G.K., 40, who was earlier working in Byatarayanapura police station and now posted at Bidadi police station.

The beginning

The events unfolded with the theft of ₹75 lakh from a businessman Hareesh near Hoskote in September 2022, as his driver Santosh fled with the car and the money after dropping Mr. Hareesh near his cousin's house.

As the local police did not respond to his complaint, Mr. Hareesh contacted a middleman, Loknath Singh, who assured to get help through Mr. Naik, who allegedly demanded ₹20 lakh initially.

It was alleged that Mr. Naik created a false complaint to show that theft of ₹75 lakh had occurred in his jurisdiction, and forced the complainant's partner, John, to sign the complaint and projected it as the complaint lodged by Mr. Hareesh, who was away in Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Naik, after recovery of stolen money, allegedly demanded half of the recovered amount through Mr. Singh but Mr. Hareesh refused to pay the amount. Following this, Mr. Naik is said to have informed the Income Tax Department about recovery of money and falsely projected it as generated from real estate transaction by Mr. Hareesh. However, Mr. Hareesh narrated the actual turn of events in his statement recorded before the jurisdictional magistrate.

Interestingly, even though the entire stolen money was recovered in mid October 2022, Mr. Naik kept it in his personal custody till the end of February 2023, even though he was transferred to Anekal police station in January 2023. He had failed to deposit the money with the treasury despite four notices issued by his higher officers, and he did not hand over the charge to the new police inspector till the end of February 2023.

However, when the Income-Tax authorities approached the jurisdictional court to take custody of the money, Mr. Naik brought it to Byatarayanapura police station and left it on the table before leaving the station, which was recorded in the CCTV system.

Curiously, as per the mahazar, the cash stolen from Mr. Harish was currency notes of ₹500 denomination drawn from a private bank, and the money deposited by Mr. Naik were of different denominations of ₹100, ₹200, ₹500, and ₹2,000 drawn from public sector banks.

Following these developments, an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) was asked to hold an enquiry against Mr. Naik and he was exonerated in the enquiry. However, a higher officer ordered further enquiry against Mr. Naik through another ACP, who gave report both against Mr. Naik and the earlier ACP. Following the outcome of second enquiry, disciplinary action was initiated against the ACP who gave clean chit to Mr. Naik, and the FIR was lodged against Mr. Naik and Mr. Singh.

The court said investigation is needed as there are multiple allegations, like falsifying the complaint, keeping the recovered money in his personal custody, and tampering with recovered currency notes by changing them against the accused police inspector.

Viral fever and respiratory infections too on the rise

Doctors say out of every 10 patients with high-grade fever and flu-like symptoms, six to seven have viral fever. The rest report a plummeting platelet count and are diagnosed with dengue

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Hospitals are seeing a rush of patients with flu-like illness along with upper and lower respiratory infections. FILE PHOTO

It is not just dengue that is causing alarm among the public and health authorities in the city. Hospitals are seeing a rush of patients with flu-like illness along with upper and lower respiratory infections for almost a month now.

Doctors said out of every 10 patients with high-grade fever and flu-like symptoms, six to seven patients have viral fever. The rest report a plummeting platelet count and are diagnosed with dengue and other vector-borne diseases including chikungunya. Apart from viral fever, some are also reporting allergic respiratory disorders such as bronchial asthma and lung and upper respiratory tract infections.

Attributing the rise in fever cases to intermittent rains and fluctuating weather, doctors said patients are reporting common symptoms that include high-grade fever, chills, body pain, dry cough, headache, stuffy nose, sore throat, and wheezing in some cases.

K.R. Ravindra, professor of Medicine at Sapthagiri Medical College who recently retired as head of the Department of Geriatric Medicine at Bangalore Medical College and Research Centre, said he is seeing an increasing number of patients with flu-like symptoms and respiratory infections. Those with pre-existing chest infections such as chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, bronchial asthma, and chronic bronchitis are reporting worsening of symptoms. "Apart from dengue, some patients are also testing positive for typhoid," he said.

"Rain triggers bronchial spasms in those susceptible to allergic reactions and the number of cases may further go up post rain. Viral fever is contagious and the best recourse is to take precautions to stay fit. Patients should keep warm and eat cooked food," Dr. Ravindra said.

Parimala V. Thirumalesh, senior consultant - Neonatology and Paediatrics at Aster CMI Hospital, said the surge in flu cases is across all age groups. "The influenza virus is contagious, and prevention remains our best defence. Practising good hygiene, like frequent handwashing and covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing, can reduce transmission," she said.

"If one experiences flu-like symptoms, early medical attention is essential to prevent complications. Hydration, rest, with proper medications can help alleviate symptoms, but severe cases may require antiviral treatment," the doctor said.

Subrata Das, who heads the department of Internal Medicine and Diabetology at Sakra World Hospital, said along with dengue he is also seeing patients with respiratory infections like adenovirus and influenza, and waterborne diseases such as rotavirus-induced diarrhoea. "These conditions share some overlapping symptoms, leading to confusion and delayed diagnosis, and these mostly occur during monsoon," he said.

"Both dengue and dengue-like ailments present with similar symptoms, including high fever lasting four-five days, followed by persistent severe headache, joint and muscle pain, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and skin rash for an additional three-four days. Dengue test results often come back negative when conducted within the first two days of symptom onset because the viral markers are not yet detectable. It is crucial to test at the right time to confirm the diagnosis," he said.

One killed in cooker blast; police rule out foul play

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The room where the cooker exploded at J.P. Nagar in Bengaluru on Tuesday night.

A 21-year-old barber was killed and another injured when a cooker lid exploded while they were cooking in their room on the terrace of a building in Puttenahalli on Tuesday night.

The deceased has been identified as Mohsin, while his roommate Azhar, a native of Amroha town in Uttar Pradesh, sustained burn injuries.

The incident occurred at 24th Main on Puttenahalli when the victims were preparing food. The two were working in a barber shop on the first floor of the building and were staying in a 100 sq ft room above the shop, a police officer said. *Prima facie*, it appears that the lid of the cooker blew off and since the room was small, something caught fire and the duo suffered burns, the officer added.

Senior police officials conducted a probe and ruled out foul play as there was no trace of chemical or explosive material.

As news of the blast spread, residents panicked as a few media houses and even Bengaluru Central MP P.C. Mohan tweeted expressing concern and stating: "Concerned about the mysterious blast in Bengaluru on August 12. uthorities must remain vigilant ahead of #IndependenceDay2024 celebrations".

On Wednesday NIA and CID officials visited the scene. Police advised people to refrain from spreading rumours.

NIRF rankings 2024: UAS-B retains 11th spot

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BENGALURU

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, (UAS-B) has retained its 11th rank under agriculture and allied sector category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking 2024 among 145 farm universities including ICAR institutes/Central/deemed/ private universities.

A release said that it has been ranked 90th in overall universities category and 44th in State Public University category. S.V. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, expressed that the university will continue to work towards climbing higher in the rankings. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, released the ranking at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi on August 12.

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My client Smt. LATHA SUBRAMANYAM, W/o. Sri. C. Subramanyam, has intending to purchase of schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners Smt. Anne Anand, W/o. Sri. Ghanshyam Anand U. B. and Sri. Ghanshyam Anand. U. B. S/o. Late. U. B. Ananda Rao, both are residing at Flat No.103, "PRISTINE RESIDENCY" 5th Main, 3rd Cross, N. S. Palya, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 076.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Approved residential Plot bearing No. 61, BBMP Khata No. 913/1116/1097/108/2/61 measuring East to West 40 Ft & North to South 30 Ft, total measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. formed in the converted land bearing Sy. No. 108/2, together with triplex residential building constructed there on total measuring 2700 Sq. Ft. situated at Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the : East by:Road, West by:Plot No.58, North by : Plot No. 62, South by: Plot No. 60.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 14-08-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client is proposing to purchase the schedule property from its respective owner. Terms of the purchase are under negotiation. Meanwhile, we are instructed to carry out due diligence of the schedule property to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession over the schedule property. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to receive a response from any persons interested in the schedule property or opposing the sale or otherwise of the schedule properties including any financial institutions, agreement holders, GPA holders or any person claiming any right title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule property or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule property to my client; or otherwise in any manner whatsoever, are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within ***"fifteen days"*** from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

If no objections/claims are received with supporting documents as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transaction as if there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Flat No. 2/B,** BBMP PID No. 100-760-107/5 **"STHAVARA"**, measuring 1467 Sqft or 136.288701 Sq.mtr and UDS – 402 Sq.ft situated at Raj Mahal Villas Extension, 2nd Stage, 4th Block, MLA Layout, Lottegollahalli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded as follows:

East by : 40 Feet Road
West by : Site No. 116
North by : Site No. 106
South by : Site No. 108

Prakash T Hebbar, Advocate, B. A., L.L.M
Hebbar Law Firm, No. SF-17, 2nd Floor, Hameed Shah Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru – 560 002.
e-mail: hebbarlawfirm@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IIIrd ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-25)
P & SC No. 408 /2024
IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL OF THE LATE MR. HEGGADADEVANAKOTE SUNDERAJ MANOHAR

BETWEEN:
1.MRS. MAYA MANOHAR JONES W/o Rommel Jones, D/o Late Sh. Heggadadevanakote Sunderaj Manohar, R/o 5300 Waterview Dr, Rockville, MD- 20853, USA ...**Petitioner No. 1**
2.MR. KRISHNA MANOHAR S/o Late Sh. Heggadadevanakote Sunderaj Manohar, 14007, Bardot Street, Rockville, MD-20853, USA.Both Petitioner No.1 and Petitioner No.2 are represented by her Special Power of Attorney Holder:-
Mrs. Meenakshi Gnanaprakash, R/o 1102, Crescent, SJR Blue Waters, Silver County Road, Parapanna Agrahara, Bengaluru- 560068 ...**Petitioner No. 2**
AND
NIL ...**RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named has made Petition to this court under Section 278 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant Letter of Administration in favor of the Petitioners, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late **Mr. Heggadadevanakote Sunderaj Manohar who expired on 28.12.2022.**

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader, duly instructed, **on 29.08.2024 at 11:00 AM** to show cause against the Petitioners, failing which the Petition will be heard and declared ex parte.

SCHEDULE-A

The details of Movable assets including the Savings Bank Accounts, Fixed Deposits and Other Securities, left behind by the Testator.

Sl. No.	Detail	Value
1.	Fixed Deposit held with Bank of Maharashtra.	8000 Dollars (Rs. 6,66,045/- approx.)
2.	Fixed Deposit	(Rs. 15,00,000/-) Rupees Fifteen Lakhs
3.	Account bearing No. 60002029226 held with Bank of Maharashtra.	N/A
4.	Savings Bank Account bearing No. 20018163944 in Bank of Maharashtra, Basavanagudi Branch, Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,24,683/-
5.	Savings Bank Account bearing No. 54006377038 in State Bank of Mysuru, Jayalakshmi Puram Branch, Mysuru.	Rs. 1298/-
6.	Savings Bank Account bearing No. 4392010073559 in Canara Bank (erstwhile Syndicate Bank) Gavipuram Branch, Bengaluru.	N/A
7.	Savings Bank Account bearing No. 20008605294 in Bank of Maharashtra, Chamrajpet branch, Bengaluru;	Rs. 3219/-

SCHEDULE-B
THE DETAILS OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS, ALONG WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE VALUE, LEFT BEHIND BY THE DECEASED I.E. LATE MR. HEGGADADEVANAKOTE SUNDERAJ MANOHAR

1. All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing **No. 103, Biligiri Apartments, 43/57, 2nd Main Road, Masthi Venkatesh Iyengar Road, Gavipuram Extension, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru- 560019** measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 60 feet in all measuring **6000 sq.ft.** and bounded as follows:
East by: 2nd Main Road, West by: Conservancy Lane, North by: Property bearing No. 42/56, South by: Property bearing No. 45/58
2. All that piece and parcel of residential Site bearing **Nos. 52, 53, and 66** located at **Chillur village, Mar Alavaok Hobli, Ramanagaram District,** Lake city purchased from Surya Shine Real Estate Agency.
Given under my hand the seal of the **Court this 2nd day of August, 2024.**

Advocate for Petitioner
Address for Service:
Pragati Law Chambers / India Law Offices
#5A, Bharat Apartments, 44/1, Fairfield Layout, Race-Course Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar City Civil Court, Bangalore

झारखण्ड सरकार
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तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहरणालय भवन, पपरवाटांड़, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड – 815301

ई–अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा सं० :–**18/R2/2024-25/RWD/EE/GIRIDIH** दिनांक :– **13.08.2024** ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह द्वारा निम्नविवरण के अनुसार e-procurment पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. कार्य का नाम :–

क्र० सं०	आई डेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपया में) अंक में	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कॉल संख्या
1.	RWD/GIRIDIH/34/ 2023-24	गेनरो मेन रोड से लुप्पी भाया लोधरातरी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं0–6.100 कि0मी0)	6,21,12,300.00	छः करोड़ इक्कीस लाख बारह हजार तीन सौ रु0 मात्र	15 माह	तृतीय

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:– **16.08.2024**
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:– **22.08.2024** अपराह्न **5.00** बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:– **24.08.2024** अपराह्न **3.30** बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता:– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह, तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहरणालय भवन, पपरवाटांड़, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड – 815301
6. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0– 06532–225381

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ई–अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या :– RDD/SD/CHATRA/04/2024-25

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :–

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	चतरा जिला के प्रखण्ड–इटखोरी में पंचायत–हलमता में महाने नदी के हलमता एवं जूगूडीह के गरगरिया घाट पर पुल निर्माण।	5,52,78,600.00	11,05,600.00	10,000.00	24 माह

2.वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि –22.08.2024
3.ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक–22.08.2024 से दिनांक–04.09.2024 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक
4.ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान– कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेश प्रमण्डल, चतरा।
5.ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 06.09.2024 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
6.ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, चतरा।
7.ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 8709184201 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8.परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है, तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बन्द कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRADEEP Kumar, R/O G–95, Upkar Green Field Attibele, Bangalore, declare that names Sushant Pradeep and Sushant P are of the same person i.e. my son vide Affidavit no (IN–KA8885304512036 8W) as sworn before the notary.

I, MEERA Sreenivas alias Meera S, R/O G–95, Upkar Green Field Attibele, Bangalore, declare that both names belongs to the same person i.e. myself, vide Affidavit no (IN–KA79741639917332W) as sworn before the notary.

I, RADHAKRISHNAN.N, S/o Natarajan.A, R/a Shobha Ruby Platinum, Block No.1-A, Flat No.1061, 6th Floor, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073 have changed my name to Sam Rozario.N, vide affidavit dt: 13.08.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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DOCUMENT LOST

We, Rajan Sehgal and Nandita Sehgal, affirm that the original Sale Deed dated 31/03/2001 registered as Document No.3617/2000-01, Book I, Vol. No.1960 at pages 141 to 149 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural District executed by M/s. Vasutam Investments and Leasing Pvt Ltd in favour of (1) Mr. Rajan Sehgal and (2) Mrs. Nandita Sehgal, with respect to property bearing house No.W-121, Eagleton - The Golf village, Shanumangala Cross, Bidadi, Bengaluru, Karnataka has been lost/misplaced. Any person/s finding the said document is kindly requested to return the same to us at the following address -

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I, VIKASH Kattunilathu Abraham, son of Kattunilathu Abraham Abraham, aged 45 years, residing at Flat No. 104, Trinity GolfLinksApts, 139/8, Domlur Layout, Bengaluru 560071, Do hereby declare that I am Unmarried/ Single till now and I have approached for a single status certificate from concern authority, hence notice to invite any objections from any person having any marriage right against me within 7 days from the dateofthis notice. Before Myself of Authority

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-40)
OS NO. 3555/2023
Hg. 25/09/2024

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Bavanasi Rajasekhara Reddy, ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Bavanasi Rajasekhara Reddy, S/o. Bavanasi Krishna Reddy, Aged about 35 years, R/at No. 201 Nilaya, K R Puram, Venkateshwara Nilayam, Opp. Venkateshwara PU College, Bangaluru-560036.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money here sum of Rs. 7,34,043.63/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXXIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (CCH-40), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 25/09/2024. at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex- Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 09th day of August, 2024 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
#3, Queens Road, Bengaluru-01.

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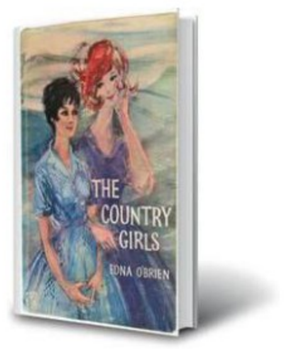
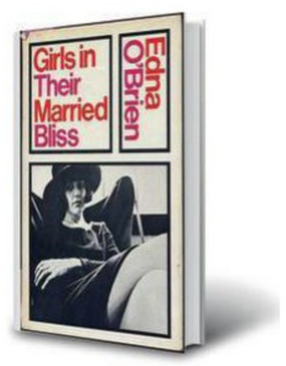




An abandoned house in the southern part of the Connemara National park in Ireland. GETTY IMAGES

Edna O'Brien, a trailblazing Irish novelist who was her own unique water-diviner

Her books shocked Ireland, and her first three novels were banned. But O'Brien showed the way for future generations of writers with her fresh look at family violence, religious hypocrisy, female friendship, defiance of convention, and the interior lives of young Irish women

Uma Mahadevan-Dasgupta

"When I was a child in Ireland, a spring would suddenly appear and yield forth buckets of beautiful clear water, then just as suddenly it would dry up. The water-diviners would come with their rods and sometimes another spring would be found. One has to be one's own water-diviner."

In six decades of writing on love, loss, and Ireland, Edna O'Brien was her own unique water-diviner. In terms of the lovely nature-based metaphor she used in a celebrated *Paris Review* interview, her prose was an endless spring: clear, deeply felt, and often very funny.

Yet her debut novel *The Country Girls* faced a wrathful reception when it was first published in 1960. The book was immediately banned in her home country; copies were publicly burned; and she began to receive the first of many nasty anonymous letters.

Her response to that was she wrote two sequels in quick succession, *The Lonely Girl* (1962) and *Girls in their Married Bliss* (1964). All the novels in the trilogy spoke with fresh and clear abandon about family violence, religious hypocrisy, female friendship, defiance of convention, and the interior lives of young Irish women. All the novels were promptly banned in Ireland.

The bans did not stop Edna O'Brien from blazing a new trail. Her lyrical prose, intensity of feeling, and candour had a major impact on writers who came after her. For Anne Enright, O'Brien was "the great, the only, survivor of forces that silenced and destroyed who knows how many other Irish women writers."

It is a measure of the distance travelled by Irish society that last month, after Edna O'Brien's death at the age of 94, Irish President Michael Higgins paid tribute to her work for "the moral courage to confront Irish society with realities long ignored and suppressed."

Ireland as theme

Ireland was O'Brien's great theme. As an exile who lived in London for most her life, she nevertheless chose to be buried in Ireland in her home village. In an interview about her archive, she explained her intense relationship with the country of her birth: "First of all I'm Irish. I was born in Ireland. My remains will go to Ireland. As a young child and as a girl Ireland fed me imaginatively and emotionally."

Josephine Edna O'Brien was born in 1930 in a religious farm family in the Irish village of Tuamgraney in County Clare. It was a strange, repressive childhood in a strange, repressive time, one that she would later describe with words like "fervid," "enclosed," "bigoted," and "suffocating." Her father drank, gambled, and was profligate with land and property. Her mother had once worked as a maid in Brooklyn. They were an oddly matched couple. It was not a home that supported her love for reading; her mother once found a Sean O'Casey novel and wanted to burn it. This was the troubled soil in which O'Brien's imagination was nurtured. She responded with resilience: "Unhappy houses are a very good incubation for stories."

As a girl O'Brien went to a convent school run by Irish Catholic nuns, studied pharmacy, and worked as a pharmacist in Dublin. In her *Paris Review* interview, she spoke sardonically about this phase of her life. "There was a sort of Irish literary scene but I wasn't part of it. One reason was poverty, another that I didn't have an entrée; I was just a chemistry student in a bed-sit. I had to do my apprenticeship alone." Dublin is also where the Country Girls escape to. Cait buys herself black nylons, having read that they were 'literary.' Worldly-wise Baba also advises Cait to be more sensible: "Stop asking fellas if they've read James Joyce's Dubliners. They're not interested. They're out for the night."

Life moved rapidly for O'Brien in Dublin. In her early twenties, she met and married a much older writer Ernest Gebler. They moved to London, had two sons, and settled in suburbia. Within weeks of arriving in London, she wrote *The Country Girls*. As she began to achieve literary success, Gebler grew envious. Their imaginations were not in congruence. The marriage broke up.

Complicated reactions

Critical reception to O'Brien was complicated. Ireland was deeply suspicious of the act of writing, more so if its themes were childhood and the secret lives of families. Many literary men dismissed O'Brien's work; some feminists dismissed her. She was criticised for going too far; also for not going far enough. Some critics regarded her as a superficial socialite. She shrugged through it all: "You can't write all these books and rear children and earn your living and have a gilded life."

She continued to write. The spring ran clear and true. "When you are young, you have boundless energy – you run the house, mind the children, and write your despair." She wrote about other writers: Virginia Woolf, James Joyce, Byron. She wrote plays, screenplays, and children's books. She wrote about Irish traumas: such as in *Down by the River,* where a teenage rape survivor tries desperately to get an abortion. She interviewed Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams for *The New York Times*. Her last work, *Girl*, was about a young Nigerian girl abducted by terrorists. In her eighties, she travelled to Nigeria to research the book. But then, she knew a bit of what it was like to grow up as a girl in a repressive, suffocating environment. The novel begins on a powerful and unforgettable note: "I was a girl once, but not any more."

In O'Brien's work, women fight to express themselves. Sometimes they fight to survive. They come through, wounded but undefeated.

Uma Mahadevan Dasgupta is in the IAS.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On India's 78th Independence Day, a quiz on some revolutionaries and freedom fighters

Radhika Santhanam

QUESTION 1
His name, a title, means commanding officer. He was from Yeola, Maharashtra. He collaborated with Rani Lakshmi Bai to seize Gwalior. Who is this freedom fighter, a key figure in the 1857 rebellion?

QUESTION 2
This Parsi revolutionary was private secretary of a man who is sometimes referred to as the 'Unofficial Ambassador of India'. An area in south Delhi that houses the EPFO, SAIL, GAIL, etc. is named after her. Who was she?

QUESTION 3
Fifty years before the Sepoy Mutiny, a chieftain in the south opposed the British East India Company and was hanged. He was immortalised by Sivaji Ganesan in a film whose title was his name. Who was he?

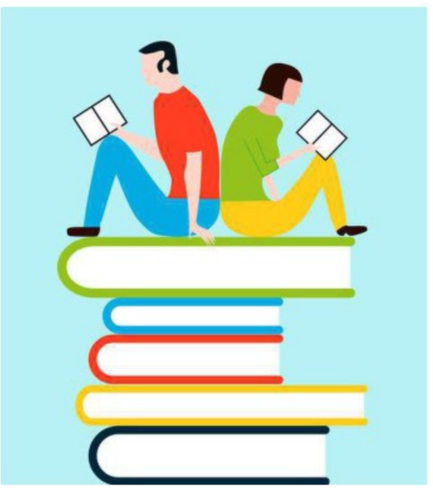
QUESTION 4
Upset with the Doctrine of Lapse policy, which did not recognise her adopted son's right to rule Kittur, she fought the British and registered initial victory. The Kittur Revolt of 1824 was one of the earliest women-led anti-colonial struggles. Name this queen of Kittur.

QUESTION 5
She was an officer of the Indian National Army and one of the founding members of the All India Democratic Women's Association. She was also presidential candidate but lost to A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Name her.

QUESTION 6
A market in Delhi, established to give opportunities to refugees of Partition, especially those from the Northwest Frontier Province, is named after this man. He was born in today's Pakistan, awarded the Bharat Ratna in India, and buried in Afghanistan. Name him.

Visual question:
These three men were hanged in Lahore Central Jail in 1931. One of them is Bhagat Singh. Name the other two.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This was a political movement in the first half of the 20th century that aimed for the creation of Pakistan. It was led by this barrister and politician. **Ans: Pakistan Movement; Muhammad Ali Jinnah**
2. The present-day equivalents of West Pakistan and East Pakistan. **Ans: West Pakistan is the present day Pakistan, and East Pakistan is the present day Bangladesh**
3. The Dominion of Pakistan became this in 1956. **Ans: Pakistan became the first Islamic republic in the world**
4. This was the boundary demarcated by the two boundary commissions for the provinces of Punjab and Bengal during the Partition of India. **Ans: Radcliffe Line**
5. In 1940, this formal political statement called for the creation of an independent state for Muslims. **Ans: Lahore Resolution**
Visual: Identify this man. **Ans: Liaquat Ali Khan; he served as the first Prime Minister of Pakistan from 1947**
Early Birds: Prashant Nain| Jyot Prakash| Joseph Nelson



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"What is teflon quality?"

"Teflon quality? You know Ramu?"

"Yes."

"He has teflon quality. You abuse him, you criticise him, you do a lot of things to provoke him. He remains unaffected. He goes his own way. When a person continues to do what he wants to do in the face of criticism, abuse, etc. you say that he has teflon quality. The word does not have a good connotation.

'Teflon' is actually 'a material that is used as a non-stick coating for kitchen utensils'. When preparations are made in teflon utensils, nothing sticks to the utensils. You throw criticisms at a person and you find that they don't stick to him. Such a person is said to have teflon quality."

"I wish I had teflon quality. I am very sensitive. What is the difference between a cynic and a sceptic?"

"A cynic is one who has little faith in human sincerity, goodness, integrity, etc. He believes that everyone is motivated by some selfish desire. He finds it difficult to believe that anyone can be innately good or sincere. Such an attitude is a cynical attitude. 'Cynical' also means scoffing, mocking, sneering. He made cynical remarks about our political system. 'Cynical' also means 'contemptuously selfish and concerned only with one's own interests.'

She denounced the ministers' cynical disregard for the future of the party.

'Cynic' is pronounced 'sinik'. A sceptic is one 'who doubts all accepted opinions'. He is also a cynic in that he doubts the accepted opinion that some human beings are good, sincere, etc. But a sceptic distrusts, doubts everything.

Ramu says that he pleaded for me. I am sceptical about it.

There are two 'c's in 'sceptic'. Both are pronounced 'k'. The 'e' is pronounced like the 'e' in 'end' and the 'i' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'it'. In American English, the word is spelt 'skeptic,' but the pronunciation is the same."

"So the word is not pronounced 'septik'."

"No. There is another word 'septic'. It is an adjective which means 'caused by or causing infection with harmful bacteria'. He cut his finger with a knife. The small cut became septic. The 'e' in the word is pronounced like the 'e' in 'end', the 'c' like the 'c' in 'cat', the 'i' like the 'i' in 'it'. A septic tank is a tank into which body waste matter is carried by pipes for chemical treatment. Don't confuse 'sceptic' with 'septic'. Shall we discuss a spelling rule?"

"Yes, for a short spell."

"Words ending in ee do not drop the final 'e' before a suffix. The suffix may begin with a vowel or a consonant. Examples: see, sees, seeing; agree, agreed, agreement, agreeing; free, freed, freeing, freedom. That is enough for the day."

"Thank you."

Published in The Hindu on January 12, 1993.

Word of the day

Spendthrift:
someone who spends money prodigally; recklessly wasteful

Synonyms: prodigal, profligate, extravagant

Usage: *He hasn't mended his spendthrift ways.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/spendthriftpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈspɛn(d)θɹɪft/

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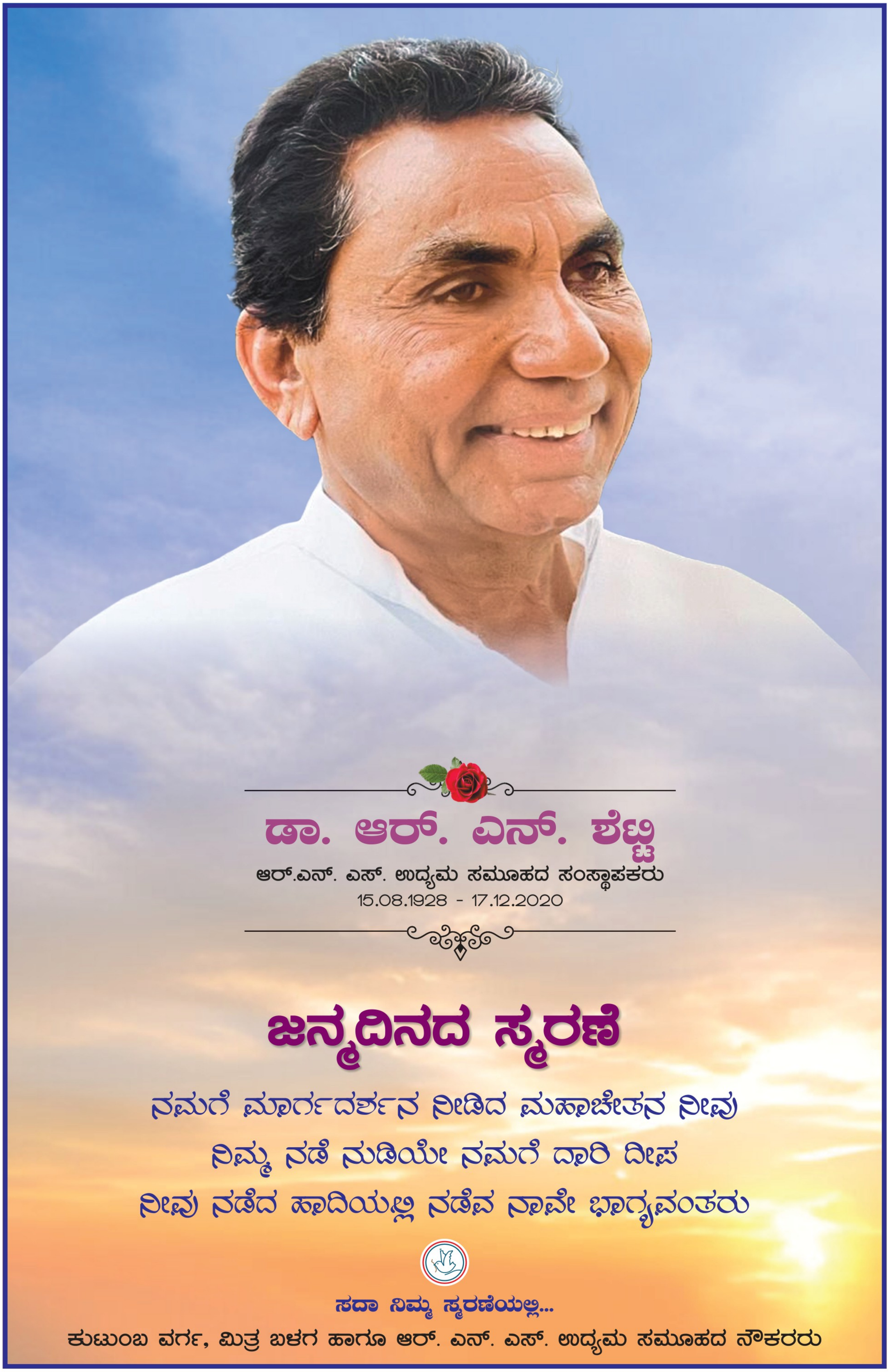

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Lit up

The Town Hall was illuminated in the tricolour on the eve of the Independence Day in Bengaluru.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Most stretches flooded after recent rain were flagged for the problem

The Outer Ring Road, one of the most traffic dense corridors in Bengaluru, has emerged as one of the most flood prone; traffic police had in May flagged 14 spots along the ORR that were flood prone

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

An analysis of the stretches of roads that were severely flooded by the rain on Monday morning shows that these stretches have reported flooding repeatedly, and have been flagged by multiple agencies for the problem many times. However, the problem persists and the interventions have been ineffective.

On Monday, while Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) reported flooding at 37 areas, including several residential colonies, Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) reported severe flooding on 20 stretches, mostly on the arterial ones. Most of these spots were flagged for flooding by both agencies earlier too.

The BTP had flagged 113 areas that reported flooding during the rains in May 2024. "We targeted these spots, carried out several interventions like cleaning shoulder drains, putting water sinks at the lowest points of these areas, whittling down this list to around 45 spots," a senior civic official said. However, many of these spots relapsed and were flooded on Monday.

"For instance, we observed waterlogging on the Hebbal flyover recently. Following previous instances, we had asked BDA and BMRCL to address the issue. The agencies created a water sink at the lowest point on the flyover and linked it to the drain below. However, the stretch was flooded on Monday, as we observed that the water sink was clogged with debris and other waste. We have now decided to deploy a person to clean the sink regularly," explained chief civic commissioner Tushar Giri Nath.

On Monday, while the BBMP reported flooding in 37 areas, the traffic police reported severe flooding on 20 stretches. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Roads that were flooded on Monday morning

- Hebbal circle below flyover
- ORR - service road on either side between Nagavara junction and Hebbal circle
- ORR - Kalyan Nagar junction to Hennur junction
- ORR - service road between Ramamurthy Nagar and Kasturinagar
- ORR - Karthik Nagar / Doddanekkundi
- ORR - near Intel
- Kariyammana Agrahara - Sakra Hospital to Bellandur Kodi
- Varthur Kodi
- Hosur Road - Rupena Agrahara (below flyover)
- ORR - Agara - 19th Main
- Hosur Road - Veerasandra toll road
- Bellary Road - Hunsmaranahalli (after IAF station towards KIA)
- Windsor Manor bridge to PG Halli (Kaveri theatre)
- Old Airport Road - Thubarahalli
- Old Madras Road - Benniganahalli
- Hennur - Bagalur Road at Horamavu Agara
- Bannerghatta Road - Jayadeva underpass
- Wind Tunnel Road - Challaghatta
- ORR - Kadubeesanahalli
- Panathur Main Road

The Outer Ring Road (ORR), one of the most traffic dense corridors in the city, has also emerged as one of the most flood prone. The BTP had in May 2024 flagged 14 sports along ORR that were flood prone. Of them, eight of them reported severe flooding on Monday. The ongoing metro work on ORR is only adding to the woes, as debris and other solid waste is clogging side drains along the road, despite cleaning them repeatedly, said a senior civic official.

However, other spots like Varthur Kodi, Panathur Main Road, Hennur-Bagalur Road, Wind Tunnel Road, which were severely flooded on Monday, figure in multiple lists of flood prone areas by both BBMP and BTP. "At most spots, it is a problem of solid waste, debris and leaves clogging these drains. It is an ongoing process of cleaning shoulder drains and ensuring water flows out. But in some places like in Amruthahalli, houses are below the level of both the lake and the drain, where solving flooding is tough," Mr. Giri Nath said, adding the civic body had taken up measures to clean the shoulder drains regularly.

50 clusters identified

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Using Actionable Intelligence for Sustainable Traffic Management (ASTraM), a smart traffic engine, Bengaluru Traffic Police have now identified 50 flooding clusters that reported over at least three waterlogging incidents in April, May, and June.

According to this data, Ramana Maharshi Road, Seshadripuram, reported 24 waterlogging incidents in these three months, Hebbal-Kempapura junction, and MG Road-Shantala Nagar 14 incidents each. Manyata Tech Park junction and Basaveshwara Circle reported nine incidents of waterlogging each.

Rally taken out to protest against reckless driving

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Students from Pratham International School, Valepura, Kotur-Mutsandra Road, near Varthur, on Saturday, took out a rally to protest against reckless driving by a lorry driver that recently caused a severe accident in the locality. The incident, which occurred at the bustling junction, resulted in injuries. Students with placards bearing messages such as "Safety First" and "Drive Responsibly" drew attention to the urgent need for stricter traffic regulations and better enforcement, a release said.

They called for the installation of speed cameras, increased fines for traffic violations, and more rigorous checks to prevent such accidents in future.

All sensitive areas of medical colleges, should be monitored by CCTV cameras, says NMC

The gruesome rape and murder of a doctor in Kolkata has sparked off outrage across the country and protests by doctors and medical students continue. K. MURALI KUMAR

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

In the wake of the rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee at R.G. Kar Medical College Hospital in Kolkata during duty hours, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued new advisories for all medical colleges and institutions to ensure a safe work place environment. This includes covering all sensitive areas with CCTV cameras for monitoring.

The NMC has also requested all medical colleges to develop a policy for safe work environment within the college and hospital campus for all the staff members, including faculty, medical students, and resident doctors.

The gruesome rape and murder of the doctor has sparked outrage across the country and the protest by doctors and medical students continue.

Safe work environment

"In the policy of safe work environment should ensure an adequate safety measures at OPD, wards, casualty, hostels, and other open areas in the medical college campus and residential quarters. Corridors and campus should be well lit in the evening for staff to walk safely from one place to other and all sensitive areas be covered by CCTV for monitoring," the advisory said.

"Adequate security measures, including posting of adequate security staff (male and female), should be made available at the OPD, wards, casualty, labour rooms, hostels, and residential quarters and other open areas in the medical college and hospital campus," it stated.

"Any incident of violence against the medical students should be promptly investigated by the college management and an FIR should be lodged with the police. A detailed action taken report on any incident of violence should invariably be sent to the NMC within 48 hours of the incident," it said.

The State government has welcomed the new advisories.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister of Medical Education, said: "Safety of doctors, staffs and students in the medical college and hospitals is very important. CCTV cameras are already installed in all the medical colleges. However, the government will take necessary steps to implement the advisories."

Drive against ticketless travel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In its drive against ticketless travel, the KSRTC conducted checks on its buses operated in the State and in neighbouring States during July.

KSRTC, in a release, said the corporation's vigilance squad checked as many as 44,879 buses and detected 3,593 cases of pilferage, besides penalising as many as 3,695 ticketless passengers and collecting a fine of ₹6,03,642 from them. Disciplinary action has been initiated against erring staff, the release added.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, AUG. 15	
RISE 06:07	SET 18:40
RISE 14:50	SET 01:22
FRIDAY, AUG. 16	
RISE 06:08	SET 18:40
RISE 15:50	SET 02:19
SATURDAY, AUG. 17	
RISE 06:08	SET 18:39
RISE 16:47	SET 03:20

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	30	21
Bengaluru	31	23

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be slight warm. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Date: 15-08-2024, Bangalore **Sd/- Branch Manager, Indian Overseas Bank**

Town Panchayat Ankalagi-Akkatangerhal
Tq:Gokak, Dist:Belagavi, Tel No :08332-262371

NO:TPAA/PWD/SBM/TENDER/2024-25 Date: 14-08-2024

KPP Portal Notification Full Term Tender

Detailed Standard Tender Document KW-1 and KG-1,2 item rate bids are invited For **Town Panchayat Ankalagi-Akkatangerhal** through KPP Portal platform from the eligible Civil and Suppliers and contractors registered in **PWD for the 10 Packages are sanctioned under 2024-25 Swach Bharat Mission (SBM)2.0 Grant Scheme.** Bid documents can be downloaded from Karnataka Government KPP Portal, **Last date for securing additional information 31/08/2024 upto 5.30 pm ,Date of Pre Bid Meeting 29/08/2024 upto 12.00 pm ,Last date for uploading of tender Document with EMD 02/09/2024 upto 5.30 pm ,Date of opening of Technical bid 04/09/2024 at 11.00 am ,Date of opening of Financial bid 09/09/2024 at 11.00 am, (Financial Bid Shall Be Opened After Approval of Technical bid From Competent Authority).** The above notification can also be visited online website **www.ankalagi-akkatangerahal.town.mrc.gov.in and website www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. The under signed reserve the right to accept or reject any one or all the bids received without assigning any reason. And It will be responsibility of the bidder to take all precautionary measures during execution of work to avoid any damage to public as per IRC specification.

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Ankalagi-Akkatangerahal **Ankalagi-Akkatangerahal**

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Motorists use app to detect speed trap on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway

Alok Kumar, ADGP, Traffic and Road Safety, is aware of Radarbot app but says it may not be of much use to motorists

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

To evade a penalty and an FIR, some motorists are using an app that detects speed cameras on the Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled highway.

The speed limit on the highway is 100 kmph. The limit was set after the 119-km stretch witnessed several accidents soon after the road was opened for use in March 2023.

To implement the speed limit, traffic police installed 60 cameras at various spots. For those exceeding the speed limit, the penalty is ₹1,000. In case of motorist driving over 130 kmph, an FIR is registered. The rule on registering an FIR came into effect on August 1.

Cameras installed on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. The Radarbot app uses GPS technology and a database of speed camera locations to provide real-time alerts. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

In order to avoid this, some motorists have opted to install the Radarbot application in their mobile phones that detects speed cameras well in advance. The Radarbot app uses a combination of Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and a database of speed camera locations to provide real-time alerts to drivers about speed cameras and traffic radars.

A motorist, who regularly travels on this stretch, started using this app after he faced a fine in June.

He said, "The app gives visual and voice alerts 300 metres before a speed camera zone. As soon as I am alerted, I slow down. After the vehicle moves past the camera, I hit the accelerator."

Another motorist said driving at 100 kmph is 'meaningless' after paying a toll of about ₹330 for a one-way journey.

"The highway was designed for speed. Initially, there was no speed limit. This rule was introduced due to the driving errors of some motorists. Now, everyone has to suffer," he said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar, is aware of the app. "Apart from speed cameras, we also have a system of detecting the sectional speed. This means the average speed of a vehicle can be detected. Hence, this app may not be useful," he told *The Hindu*.

Man held for setting his scooter on fire in front of Vidhana Soudha

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kumar, a resident of Challakere, kissing his scooter after setting it on fire in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

A 27-year-old man set fire to his scooter on the busy Ambedkar Veedhi in front of the Vidhana Soudha before creating a ruckus, on Wednesday.

Prithviraj, a resident of Yeshwantpur, rode up to Ambedkar Veedhi in the heart of the city and torched his scooter. Police personnel deployed for security and traffic duty along with passers-by were shocked to see the accused shouting and hurling abuses, before being detained by the security personnel who doused the fire with the help of fire and emergency services.

The accused was taken to the Cubbon Park police station and initial probe revealed that he was working in a private firm and was angry with the police for their "rude behaviour."

Prithviraj told the police that he wanted to grab the attention of people to vent his ire on the police for behaving rudely with his mother. He said he was infuriated with the Challakere police who allegedly humiliated and heckled his mother when she went to file a missing complaint, and later manhandled him when he went to question their behaviour.

Probe revealed that Prithviraj had gone trekking in Shivamogga in July and was briefly unreachable during the expedition. His mother when went to the police seeking help, where she was humiliated.

The police are yet to corroborate his statements.

Minister proposes separate commission for RTCs

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has proposed the establishment of a separate regulatory commission for State-run Road Transport Corporations (RTCs), akin to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC). Mr Reddy told *The Hindu* that this would streamline the process of fare regulation and other critical decisions concerning RTCs.

Traditionally, the four RTCs in Karnataka – KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, and NEKRTC – must individually submit proposals to the State government whenever a fare hike is considered. These proposals are typically the outcome of internal board meetings held by each corporation. However, this process can be cumbersome, as it involves multiple layers of approval and coordination between RTCs and the government.

Ramalinga Reddy

The Transport Department has suggested the creation of a commission similar to the KERC, which oversees the electricity tariff and regulatory matters within Karnataka. The proposed commission would be tasked with making decisions on fare hikes and other issues related to the RTCs, thereby reducing the burden on individual corporations.

Speaking exclusively to *The Hindu*, Mr Reddy said: "We are in the process of proposing this plan of constituting a separate commission, which will ease the regulation of fare hike decisions and other issues related to the RTCs. We have conducted a series of meetings. The final call will be taken by the State government."

The KERC serves as a model for the proposed transport commission. It is an autonomous body responsible for regulating electricity tariff, ensuring fair distribution of power, and protecting interests of consumers. It operates independent of the State government, which allows for impartial and efficient decision-making. The establishment of a similar body for the RTCs could potentially lead to more efficient governance and improved public transport services, according to sources.

The proposal is currently under review by RTCs. A final decision is expected to be made by the State government in the coming months.

In July, the KSRTC was considering proposing a bus fare hike of up to 20% due to significant financial losses. During a board meeting, it was resolved to seek the Chief Minister's approval for the fare increase. However, the proposal has not yet been submitted, and Mr. Reddy clarified that no decision has been made.

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Belagavi getting set to celebrate centenary of historic Cong. session

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

This Independence Day is special for Belagavi as it celebrates the centenary of the 1924 Belgaum session of the Congress. It was the only session chaired by Mahatma Gandhi. While the Karnataka government has formed a consultative committee to seek suggestions on the celebrations, a group of Gandhians is planning a 'Charaka marathon' to commemorate the event.

The 39th all-India session of the Congress was held for three days in the last week of December 1924 in a field on the outskirts of Belagavi city, on Goa road. The road is now called Congress Road, and the venue is Veera Soudha.

Three celebrations are being organised by three bodies this year – the State government, the Congress, and a set of Gandhians.

The Karnataka government will organise a grand event to celebrate the centenary. A consultative committee, comprising freedom fighters and activists, has been formed. The first meeting of the committee took place recently. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Roshan said the State government had set aside a budget of ₹2 crore for the celebrations. "We could raise additional resources by seeking CSR funds from corporates," Mr. Roshan said.

Message to the youth

A group of Gandhians met at the residence of Vaibhav Lokur, a young activist and theatre personality, in Belagavi. Participants included Sanjiv Kulkarni from Dharwad, and Dilip Kamat and Subhash Kulkarni, both of whom served as president of the district khadi union.

"We plan to organise a charaka marathon, where at least 100 people will work on the charaka for at least 12 hours to send a message of sustainability and self-reliance among the youth," said Dr. Kulkarni, who runs Bala Balaga, an open school in Dharwad. A workshop would be organised to introduce the device to young men and women in the run-up to the marathon.

Mahatma Gandhi chaired the Congress session in 1924 in Belagavi. In the foreground is Jawaharlal Nehru. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

While State govt. has formed a panel to seek suggestions on the celebrations, a group of Gandhians is planning a 'Charaka marathon'

Mr. Kamat said the celebrations should centre around the values preached and practised by Gandhiji. "We should use the occasion to spread the ideals of economic self-reliance, and the idea of India that is rooted in liberal, secular value systems, among the youth," he said. Efforts should be made to counter fake news and online abuse being created and spread by vested interests. "We need to do it constructively by creating true content about the Father of the Nation, his visit to Belagavi, and the freedom movement in north Karnataka."

Digitisation initiative

A sub-committee, including Mr. Lokur, Uday Kinjwadkar, and Swapni Patnekar, plans to take up digitisation of all books, photographs and records of the session, and publish e-books.

"We will involve school and college students in these efforts," said Mr. Lokur.

Rally by Congress

The Congress has set up a 70-member committee, headed by KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, to organise the celebrations. Members include Ministers H.K. Patil, Satish Jarkiholi, and Laxmi Hebbalkar.

Mr. Jarkiholi told *The Hindu* that a grand rally would be organised in Belagavi to commemorate the session and recall the speeches and resolutions passed.

"National leaders will be invited to address the rally," he said.

From Page One

Depts. told to close accounts in SBI and PNB

The State government is fighting separate cases in the court against the two public sector banks over the recovery of money that had been kept as FDs, one of which had been pending in court for the past ten years. The issue has also been flagged in the Comptroller and Auditor General's report and extensively discussed in the Public Accounts Committee. The direction from the Finance Secretary (Expenditure) P.C. Jaffer, which has been approved by the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, came on Monday.

The circular cited two instances with both banks that have resulted in the judicial process for recovery. With respect to the PNB, the government has been fighting a court battle for ten years after it failed to recover ₹12 crore that had been kept as FD despite multiple meetings and communications with bank officials.

This is connected with the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Authority keeping ₹25 crore in PNB, Rajajinagar branch, as FD in September 2011. While one FD of ₹13 crore had been encashed, another FD of ₹12 crore had not been returned to the government, citing irregularities committed by the bank officials.

The other instance cited has been with the SBI, Avenue Road branch, in which the FD of ₹10 crore opened in August 2013 had been diluted by bank officials before the completion of the term and based on forged documents, the money had been adjusted with a loan account of a private company. The case is also in court after multiple meetings and communications with the bank failed, the circular noted. The government's relationship with SBI further strengthened in 2017 after its merger with the 104-year-old State Bank of Mysore, with which the State government had most of its banking transactions that seamlessly moved to SBI. While the consolidated quantum of funds available in two banks is readily not available, the government is in the process of ascertaining it, a senior Finance Department official said. Earlier, the government had taken precautions in dealing with YES Bank when it was going through a crisis.

The government departments and other bodies have been asked to close accounts and report compliance before September 20, 2024.

Some Ministers want a 'rethink' on guarantees

Chief Minister and his deputy, however, say there is no question of stopping the schemes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A few Ministers are mounting pressure on the Congress government in Karnataka to "rethink" the contours of the ambitious five guarantee schemes for the full five-year term, as many rich and middle-class families have been benefiting from the schemes, apparently at the cost of development works in the State.

They are in favour of revamping the guarantees by limiting the benefits only to the poor, while another section of Ministers have reiterated commitment to continuing them for full five years in the present form.

'Rich' beneficiaries

Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi maintained that many doctors, engineers, government employees, and professionals have been availing of the benefits of the schemes such as Shakti (free bus travel for women) and Gruha Jyothi (free electricity up to 200 units a month for households).

He, however, made it clear here on Wednesday that he was not asking for discontinuation of the schemes. He appealed to the party high command to revamp the guarantees by limiting them to only the poor, which would reduce the burden on the State exchequer, by at least ₹10,000 crore annually.

Shakti, one of the five guarantee schemes, offers free travel for women in State-run transport corporation buses. FILE PHOTO

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, has set aside ₹52,000 crore for the five schemes for 2024-25.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa claimed that schemes such as Gruha Lakshmi and Anna Bhagya should be limited only to those living below the poverty line (BPL). A survey should be conducted to weed out bogus BPL cards and provide benefits only to the poor, he argued. Home Minister G. Parameshwara, while acknowledging that some leaders had informed him that many rich households have been availing of the benefits, reiterated that the schemes would continue this year as the Chief Minister had allocated funds in the State Budget.

The thinking among a section of leaders seems to stem from the party's below-par performance in the Lok Sabha election as a signal that the guarantees would not yield "electoral dividend" to the party.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, however, has reiterated on several occasions that guarantees would continue for the full five-year term of the government.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday emphasised that the guarantee schemes would not be stopped even if BJP leaders try their best. Speaking after inaugurating the Congress Janasamparka Centre and an office of the Guarantee Scheme Implementation Committee in the city, he said, "Indira Gandhi launched several welfare schemes. None of these schemes have been stopped even after several decades."

"There is no question of stopping the guarantee schemes. Nor will we allow the BJP to stop these guarantees. This is the strength of the Congress." Asked about MLAs being disappointed with the lack of funds due to the guarantee schemes, Mr. Shivakumar said, "It is absolutely incorrect. No Minister has said there is a lack of funds."

Industries Minister M.B. Patil, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge, Forest and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre have said the election guarantees would continue the full five-year term of the government.

Order on change of rules to give incentives to SC students withdrawn

THE HINDU IMPACT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has withdrawn its order on the change of rules for giving incentives to Scheduled Caste (SC) students who pass with first class marks in SSLC and a range of post-matric courses.

The government issued an order in this regard on Wednesday and revoked the revised order issued by the Department of Social Welfare on December 2, 2023.

No income limit

Further, as per the order issued earlier on September 4, 2013, it has been ordered to sanction the incentives to the eligible students. Hence, all SC students who pass SSLC and post-matric courses in the first attempt will get the incentive. Also, there is no income limit for the candidates applying for this incentive.

The Hindu had on July 16 published a report, 'Activists, students unhappy over Karnataka govt. tweaking rules on incentives to Dalit students, introducing income criteria.'

Various Dalit leaders and students across the State had expressed unhappiness over the government's decision to change the rules and protested, demanding that the order be withdrawn immediately.

Opposition parties had criticised the government's decision during the legislature session.

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Nissan to ramp up network in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru and Karnataka, being part of key markets, have been playing a pivotal role in Nissan Motor's India growth story, Saurabh Vatsa, managing director, Nissan Motor India, has said.

Nissan has also announced a significant ramp up of its network in Karnataka by opening three new customer touchpoints in the capital city.

"This expansion is part of Nissan's broader strategy to strengthen its presence in key markets, which includes Bengaluru and Karnataka, that are playing a pivotal role in Nissan's growth story in India," he said.

With the addition of Nissan's three new touchpoints in the city, the auto brand now operates 18 customer touchpoints across Karnataka.

"We will soon have 20 touchpoints in the State with two new touchpoints coming up in Mangaluru," added Mr. Vatsa.

Ashok to apprise BJP central leadership of rebellion in party

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok has said he will bring issues related to rebellion in the BJP to the notice of the party high command.

Mr. Ashok, who interacted with media persons in Bengaluru on Wednesday, desisted from directly commenting on the developments, but said he would draw the attention of the party central leadership on them.

He said the party high command had earlier held consultations with senior leaders Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Ramesh Jarkiholi, who are now planning an alternative padayatra. Observing that there were some "minor differences here and there", he said the BJP would work as an effective Opposition party by taking all its leaders together. "We will forget such differences and work unitedly," he said.

Referring to the padayatra being planned by the rebel group from Kudalasangama to Ballari against the alleged scams of the Congress government, Mr. Ashok said the entire party would participate in it if the high command permits the padayatra.

R. Ashok

The group of dissidents in the BJP has grown in number with some of the defeated Lok Sabha election candidates too joining it. The dissidents' group has raised a banner of revolt against party State president B.Y. Vijayendra and accused him of indulging in "politics of compromise". The dissidents are reportedly trying to air their grievances with a key RSS leader from the State sometime after the Independence Day.

Sources in the BJP said the party central leadership was aware of the developments and was in constant touch with the State leaders. However, Mr. Ashok will now formally put the ball in the court of the party central leadership.

On BJP leader C.P. Yogeshwar indicating that he would contest as an Independent from Channapatna seat in the Assembly byelection if the party does not give him the ticket, Mr. Ashok said the final call would have to be taken by the NDA comprising both the BJP and JD(S).

Meanwhile, BJP national organising general secretary B.L. Santhosh visited the BJP State office in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Though there were speculations that Mr. Vijayendra had met him, sources in the party said no formal discussions was held.

'BSY's courtesy'

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Taking exception to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar describing the victory of BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra from Shikaripur Assembly constituency in 2023 as the "courtesy of Congress", BJP Rajya Sabha member Lahar Singh Siroya has wondered how many times Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has benefited in terms of his victory due to the courtesy of BJP veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa.

Taking to social media platform X, Mr. Siroya said, "I would like to ask how many times Mr. Siddaramaiah won and benefited due to the generosity of Mr. B.S. Yediyurappa?" Rebels in the BJP have been accusing party senior leaders of indulging in "politics of compromise". Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has been publicly accusing some of the party senior leaders of having an "understanding" with leaders of the ruling Congress.

EFT summit

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The Education for Transformation (EFT) summit was held in Bengaluru earlier this week, with a resolution to form Education Task Force 13 - Institution, Industry Interface, with a vision to make Karnataka a hub of education of global standards.

In his inaugural address, M.V. Rajeev Gowda, Vice-Chairman, State planning board, lauded the initiative and said that given the industry talent pool Bengaluru hosts, this is an important beginning that as responsible civil society members we come together to find ways to harness this potential.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SHRI. S Subramanian, Executive Director (Retd.) NABARD, 81, passed away on August 13th, 2024 in Bangalore after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Revathi, two children and grandchildren. Although he is no longer with us, let us celebrate a life lived to its fullest and cherish the legacy of his fond memories that will be with us always. The family can be reached at subburevathi@yahoo.com

A peek into the legacy of Bengaluru's St. Joseph's Boys' High School

The 166-year-old institution has a history intertwined with Bengaluru's larger colonial experience, global events, including the two world wars, and the lived experiences of many young men there

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Sack fight at St. Joseph's Boys' School. ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVES

A glimpse of the school infirmary. ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVES

Gowri Mirlay Achanta points to the silver in her hair and says, with a laugh, "Every strand of my grey hair talks of the trauma of teaching 6000 teenage boys." The effort, clearly, was worth it. Achanta, who has taught history at St. Joseph's Boys' School since 1985, was greeted with warmth by the many old boys as she delivered a talk recently on *Schooling Bangalore: The legacy of St. Joseph's Boys' High School*.

Over around 45 minutes of the talk at The Bangalore Room, Indiranagar, punctuated often by applause and laughter, Achanta traced the history of this 166-year-old institution, linking it to Bengaluru's larger colonial experience, global events, including the two world wars, the complex history Catholic church and the lived experiences of many young men who were educated at St. Joseph's.

A cantonment town

The year was 1799. Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore, was dead at the age of 47, killed by the British during the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War. The British took over Srirangapatna and later, in 1809, moved their Cantonment to Bengaluru. "Obviously, a lot of European people settled here. And, once they did, they needed schools, hospitals, markets...," says Achanta.

The Archbishop of Bangalore approached a certain group of priests, the Missions Etrangeres de Paris (MEP), and asked them to start a school here. "This was in 1858, one year after the First War of Independence," she says. The school, which was then located at St. Johns Hill, Frazer Town, was named St. Joseph's Seminary. "They had a seminary, an orphanage, and this little school," she says.

The school stayed in this location until 1898, going through many changes in these 40-odd years. However, they began finding Frazer Town too desolate and decided that they no longer wanted to stay there. They wanted to move to the cantonment. "So, they bought a piece of land called Rocklands on Museum Road and moved the school there. It has been there ever since," she says.

Gowri M. Achanta at the Museum of Memories

Photos and more

Using archival photos, old documents, and the school's in-house annual magazine, Gowri traces the school's evolution over two centuries. She begins by showing sepia-toned staff photographs to illustrate how the staff has changed. For instance, a photograph taken in the late 1800s depicts an all-male, mostly white staff dominated by the black-cassocked MEP fathers, while another, taken in the mid-1900s, offers a glimpse of nearly 17 women teachers, two in sarees.

Other exhibits at the talk include photographs of boys involved in sporting activities, images of Josephites who fought in the First World War, a glimpse of the school infirmary, and hat ads in the annual magazine.

Gowri uses these exhibits to deliver many fascinating bits of trivia about the school. For instance, the school, known for its sporting culture, has produced 10 Olympians and a Test Cricket Captain so far. In 1914, when the First World War broke out, the highest number of boys who went to war were from St. Joseph's school, she adds. "Three hundred and sixty-nine boys went to fight on the war front. The 1916 annual has a report of their send-off going to war. It is very touching," she says, proceeding to read from a letter written by an old boy, offering an account of his experience of the war front. "When the war ended in 1918, 28 old boys had died," she says.

Jesuits in India

Gowri also speaks about the war memorial, erected in 1921 on the school campus, the cost of producing these annuals back in 1919, and how, on the last day of school, some students broke all the bulbs on campus. She admits that much of the information she gleaned comes from the school's annuals, the first of which was published in 1910.

"Every issue since then has been very lovingly preserved and guarded by the Old Boys Association," says Gowri.

In 1937, something dramatic happened in the institution, which was then called St. Joseph's College. The MEP group didn't have enough priests to run the institution, so they approached the Archbishop and asked him to find another Catholic congregation that could take over. That is how the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuit Order, began managing the school and other institutions associated with it. "They were already established in education," says Gowri, adding that this transfer happened in complete secrecy. "They were waiting for the holidays, and when the school reopened, and the boys came in, they found all the old priests gone. It was a complete shock to them," she says.

The Jesuits, who have run St. Joseph's since then, were founded by Ignatius of Loyola, a Spanish soldier who had a major spiritual experience after being wounded at war and went on to find the Society of Jesus, explains Gowri. It was St. Ignatius of Loyola who sent his friend, Francis Xavier to India, "the shining star of the 1500s," to educate and preach, she says of the Catholic missionary and the Saint whose body today lies in the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Goa.

She also brings up the life and work of Roberto de Nobili, an Italian Jesuit priest who is known for the way he preached Christianity, adopted local customs, wrote Tamil devotional songs, and looked at what was common between Hinduism and Christianity. "He wore the clothes of a sadhu, shaved his head, and became a scholar in Sanskrit, Tamil, and Telugu," she says, showing her audience a picture of the man.

She believes that the Jesuits, in general, are quick to adapt to change and have a deep respect for local culture and values. For instance, "today, every single Josephite sings the Karnataka State anthem every day," she says.

Recent History

Gowri also delves into some landmark moments of St. Joseph's more recent history. These include constructing a new building in 1998, a name change in 1968, and the setting up a Museum of Memories in the school's sports complex last year. Many artefacts, some over a century old, are being housed here, including chairs, grandfather clocks, books and trophies., she says. She also shows her audience a picture of another ancient object: a copy of an old diary, dated 1938, which she discovered rather serendipitously. A peek into it reveals examination results and a progress report with a rather unfortunate proclamation – "Weak in maths" – an observation that has the entire room in titters. "What has changed with us parents, teachers, and students?" asks Gowri with a smile. "Nothing."

Anmol Vellani's 'Innocence' reimagines Kafka's 'The Trial' for 21st-century India

The play tells the story of a man accused of committing a crime, although he is never told about the nature of his offence

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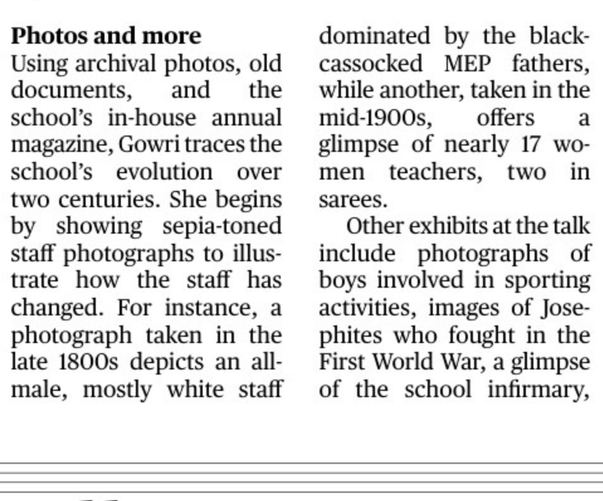

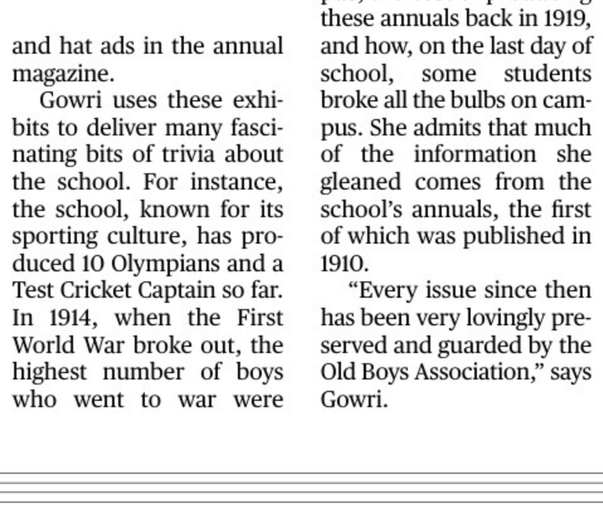

Stills from the play *Innocence*.

Franz Kafka's *The Trial* has long been an iconic work on existential dread, bureaucratic absurdity, and the alienation of modern man. When this literary masterpiece is adapted for the stage, it presents a unique challenge to translate Kafka's twisting narrative and haunting themes into a live performance. Writer and director Anmol Vellani's *Innocence*, a play based on Kafka's *The Trial*, suggests that India has become more Kafkaesque in recent times.

Presented by Toto Funds the Arts (TFA) and supported by Goethe-Institut, the production will be presented at Ranga Shankara, J.P. Nagar, on August 16 and 17.

In a fix

As the synopsis of the play suggests, *Innocence* tells the story of a man accused of committing a crime, although he is never told about the nature of his offence. He refuses to plead guilty, despite being told by everyone he meets that it is in his best interest to do so. Believing that the scales of justice will eventually tilt in favour of a blameless man, he struggles to prove his innocence, but it leads to dead ends and drives him to despair. He becomes suspicious of everything and everyone. He neglects his lover and fires his lawyer and is reduced to a sorry figure – exhausted, impassive and alone. In the end, his innocence does not help him to escape the clutches of the law, but neither is the state able to find a shred of evidence to prove his guilt. How will this impasse be resolved?

Challenges

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Anmol said that though *Innocence* is set in 21st-century India, the novel's sequence of events, its key characters and their relationships and interactions, reappear in the play.

"Writing a play based on material drawn from *The Trial*, but less than one-third its length, posed its own challenges. Many episodes had to be shortened or removed altogether; some characters had to be omitted. Sometimes the demands of drama forced my hand in other ways. I found the need to merge many characters into one, invent the odd scene or interplay between the characters, place material from one scene in the novel in a different scene in the play, and so on. But despite these changes, the play stays close to the central narrative of the novel," he says.

Vibrant colours

"When I first read *The Trial*, I imagined a grim, black-and-white world. But an uncolored India is unimaginable. The play replaced the novel's greyness with India's vibrant colors while preserving its unsettling mood through an eerie soundscape and fractured lighting." Anmol says that he chose to write the play as a black comedy because it is a theatre idiom that, like Kafka's novels and short stories, produces discordance between style and content. "Kafka's unembellished prose invites us to treat the absurd and bizarre events it depicts as everyday occurrences. Similarly, characters in a black comedy act as though they are unaware of the ludicrous nature of the situations, they find themselves in," he adds.

With lights executed by Arun D.T. *Innocence* is performed by Sanjana Banerjee, Arvind Dev, Rohit Dave, Ashish D'Abero, Srinivas Beesetty and Manu Varkey. The play will have one show on August 16, at 7.30 p.m. and two shows on August 17, at 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tickets for the shows are available on BookMyShow and the Ranga Shankara box-office.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 15, 1974

More Production Only Way to Check Inflation

Bangalore, Aug. 14. The Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs stressed in the State Assembly to-day that the basic solution to the problem of inflation was increased agricultural and industrial production.

Intervening in the discussion on the motion of Mr. T.R. Shamanna (Ind) on the scarcity of essential commodities and steep rise in prices in recent months, he said finance had to be found for power and irrigation projects. Revision of water rate was being thought of inflation could be arrested only through more production and had to be dealt with on a war footing.

Funds for Indira Brigade: Hegde Demands Probe

Bangalore, Aug. 14: The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde challenged the Government in the Legislative Council to-day to ban the "Indira Brigade". He said an enquiry should be held to find out from where the Brigade was receiving funds.

Speaking on the motion of Mr. T.R. Shamanna (Ind.) on the acute scarcity and unprecedented rise in prices of essential commodities, he said the members of the Indira Brigade were spending lavishly. The Government should either ban or disown the organisation.

The Industries Minister, Mr. S.M. Krishna and two Congress members, Mr. S. Sivappa and Mr. P. Venkataramana said it was not part of the Congress party and it had been disowned.

Rekindling the freedom fire

Bengaluru rapper Akhil OSO drops Independence Day anthem 'Simon Go Back'

Praveen Sudevan

Burning passion Akhil OSO. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengaluru-based rapper Akhil Chandrashekar, better known as Akhil OSO, has amassed a following of over 70,000 on Instagram, primarily composed of young millennials and Gen Zs. Known for his groovy, upbeat tracks, the artist has cultivated a reputation among a niche audience for creating infectious tunes. However, there is a facet of Akhil that his followers may not be familiar with: his deep-rooted patriotism. This previously unseen side of the rapper is set to be unveiled with the release of his new song, 'Simon Go Back,' on August 13.

The music video for 'Simon Go Back' opens with a striking visual: Akhil standing on a beach in Udupi, the rhythmic crash of waves providing a stark backdrop to his powerful lyrics. The opening lines, "They came down, Free trade, True agenda, They need slaves, With their guns, Our shields break, No child on the streets, Or the sea safe," set a tone of raw emotion and historical reckoning.

The lines refer to the British East India Company's arrival in India through port cities for trade but eventually stayed to colonise the country. The title 'Simon Go Back' and the beach setting are symbolic. "I wanted to create a full-circle moment by sending Simon back to the sea – it represents the British leaving India. The song is a tribute to our hard-fought freedom," says Akhil.

"I know this song is different from what I usually do, but I wanted to make it because I see a lot of division in our country. People don't feel united as one nation, and many young people seem to have lost pride in being Indian. I think the disconnect from our history is a big part of the problem."

Akhil's sense of patriotism was nurtured from a young age, influenced heavily by the stories of struggle and resilience passed down through his family. "A relative from my mom's side of the family was among the six or seven who escaped the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. That story has been passed down through generations," he recalls.

His mother's family, originally from Amritsar, faced the brutal realities of British colonialism firsthand. "They had to flee their home due to the British attacks. Their house was burned down, and they had to move from one city to another, eventually settling in Bangalore many generations ago."

His Tamilian father played an equally significant role in instilling a strong sense of national pride.

Another turning point in Akhil's journey came in 2015 when he came across Shashi Tharoor's viral speech at the Oxford Union. During a debate on Britain's responsibility to its former colonies, Tharoor argued how British colonial rule had severely damaged the Indian economy. His words resonated deeply with many Indians, including Akhil.

"When I watched that speech, I saw India in a completely new light – a part of India I didn't know existed. It showed me how we were once one of the greatest countries in the world," he says, "This song isn't just for my fans; it was for everyone – kids, young people, and even those in their 50s and 60s. I wanted to evoke the feeling I had when I listened to the speech in others."

Though the lyrics of the anti-colonial song hark back to past injustices, Akhil's message of patriotism is about looking ahead. "True patriotism, in my view, is about working towards a nation where every citizen has equal opportunities and where we collectively strive for progress."

Groovers and shakers Kiara's dance troupe. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Put on your dancing shoes

The Kiara Academy of Performing Arts is back with their annual musical this weekend. Titled, *In The Mood: Let's Get Loud*, the show directed by Wendy M Dickson and Tina Dickson Franco, is choreographed by Anahieta Mohandesi and Rachel Ann Franco.

In the Mood will feature both dance and theatre with a score ranging from jazz, blues, pop, rock and classical music as well Broadway show tunes. The production has been conceptualised and directed by Wendy M Dickson and Tina Dickson Franco, with choreography by Anahieta Mohandesi and Rachel Ann Franco.

The first half of the program will be a tributes to legends in the arena of music, stage and film.

The second half will be a presentation of melodies from three popular musicals – *Mulan, The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Mamma Mia*.

At Chowdiah Memorial Hall, on August 17 and 18 from 6pm. Tickets on Zomato Live and at the Lusitania Stores on Brigade Road and Mosque Road. Call 9880855688.

Pressing four-ward: the Vijaya Kardant story

Anchal Gupta

Power packed The brand's dates karadant. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Vijaya Karadant recently inaugurated its fourth outlet in Bengaluru. Established in 1907, this is its 25th outlet in Karnataka. Over the years, Vijaya Karadant has made a name for itself for producing nutritional snacks and delicious sweets without using artificial sweeteners.

Initially thriving as a family-owned business in a small village, Vijaya Karadant made a strategic decision to expand in 2018 by establishing a presence in Bengaluru with their first outlet in Vijayanagar.

In the beginning

The name Karadant is derived from the Kannada word *karadantu*, meaning fried gum. The brand's journey began in Amingad in the Bagalkot district of Karnataka, where the founder, Savaligappa Rachappa Aiholli, started crafting nutritious snacks at home.

In 1907, he introduced a kardant designed to support gymnasium goers, especially those involved in *kushti* or traditional forms of wrestling. Originally crafted for this purpose, the product came to be known for its highly nutritious ingredients, including figs, raisins, pistachios, almonds, cashews, walnuts, cardamom and nutmeg, as well as desi ghee.

Today, it caters to children, lactating mothers and pregnant women, and others. Apart from their signature supreme kardant, premium kardant and classic kardant, special editions such as the anjeer kardant, which is fig-based and a marbled dates kardant, have also been added to their range.

The collection features honey laddoos, made with dry fruits and naturally sweetened with honey, as well as ragi laddoos and protein-rich oat laddoos, apart from traditional savoury items such as *chooda* and *boondi*.

With over 25 different snacks and more than 25 types of sweets, the brand caters to different preferences and dietary needs, at an affordable cost, making them accessible to a wider audience.

"Our portfolio emphasises on innovative and health-conscious options," says Santosh Basavaraj Aiholli, chairman, Amingad's Vijaya Karadant. "By specialising in dry fruit sweets and traditional grains such as ragi and oats, we cater to those seeking both taste and nutrition. Our focus on jaggery and healthier ingredients has given us a distinct identity in the market."

With three decades of experience, Santosh took over the business from his father Basavaraja Aivolli, to continue his grandfather's legacy.

"While our initial growth was steady, we gained substantial momentum after establishing a presence in Bangalore," says Lakshmi Aivolli, head of Production, and Santosh's wife. "This expansion not only increased our market reach but also enhanced our brand's reputation. We are committed to unique taste and quality, focusing on creating sweets with a unique flavour."

According to Sunil Nagathan, who has been involved with the business for the past eight years and leads the expansion efforts, "The preparation of our sweets is handled by skilled individuals whose families have been associated with the company for generations. The current team includes the sons and grandsons of the original workers, continuing a tradition that spans three generations."

A distinctive feature of their workforce, Sunil says, is the enduring relationship and familial environment the company has cultivated.

To ensure consistency and quality, all sweets are produced at a centralised master kitchen, located in Amingad, with deliveries going nationwide via online orders on their website and social media platforms.

Touch me lots

Amritha VK

How often is one allowed to engage with art at galleries and museums apart from absorbing it visually? Visitors are almost always restricted from interacting with art due to multiple reasons and safety concerns. Addressing this common issue, The Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) in Bengaluru, recently conducted Please Touch (Smell, Hear and See), a walkthrough that allowed visitors to interact with art using their senses of touch, smell, hearing and sight.

Harlton Lejo Joseph and Jane Caryn Thomas who came up with the idea for this walkthrough believe that museums are typically elitist. "Museums don't let you touch artwork, it's all there for you to just sit and admire," says Harlton. "I believe the reason why I wanted to do Please Touch was to incorporate the idea of the five senses. It was initially supposed to be an activity for children, but it later turned out to be an activity for all age groups to experience art through different media."

Khushi Bansal, research curator at MAP who mentored Harlton and Jane says, "What made us approve this idea was the fact that tactility and the senses are important in art; we were looking at methods by which we could reach younger audiences."

Sense and sensitivity The Please Touch walkthrough at MAP. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

She adds that both Harlton and Jane, who are summer interns at the museum, were given directives that the art they chose for the walkthrough had to be specific to VISIBLE/INVISIBLE: Representation of Women in Art, one of the exhibitions at MAP. "They could work around that topic and develop walkthroughs for people based on what they see and what they wanted."

"It is not always that one can get to touch art at a museum so it was important to create a space where everyone could take something away," says Khushi. "At the same time, the different backgrounds of people conducting walkthroughs bring a new perspective. Harlan from a law background and Jane with a literature and journalism background brought varied interpretations to the table which was important."

The walkthrough took viewers on a tour that was demarcated into four sections – Goddess, Sexuality and Desire, Power and Violence, and Struggle and Resistance. The exhibits were across the museum and visitors were allowed to interact with the featured artworks and experience it without any barriers.

Talking about the underlying theme of the sections, Harlton said, "A lot of labels and misrepresentation of women exist in society; this exhibition is an attempt to challenge that perception and break it down."

Some of the art in Please Touch included Jangarh Singh Shyam's Phulwari Devi, Vari da Bagh by Gurjeet Singh, an untitled work by Bhupen Khakhar and and Back to Square One by Sonia Jose.

Keeping in mind the nature of the theme, a special walkthrough was adapted for students and children.

Apart from the walkthrough, the exhibition also had worksheets that traced the visitors' path through the museum. Art bingo, sketching, interactive thought bubbles and QR codes gave the visitors a chance to interact with art in a fun and educational manner.

VISIBLE/INVISIBLE: Representation of Women in Art through the MAP Collection will be on display till Decemeber 1, 2025

CITYBEATS

Calling all art lovers

AUGUST 16-18

Gallery Time and Space in collaboration with the Society of Contemporary Artists, Kolkata will be showcasing the works of 19 artists this weekend. Visitors will get a glimpse of the art scene in Kolkata with this show. Later, these works of art will be on display at Gallery Time and Space from August 20 to September 8.

At Bangalore International Centre, from August 16-18. Entry free.

Evening of Kathak

AUGUST 17

Join the *Kathak Rangapravesh* of Ruchika Bhat and Nikhita Bhat. As disciples of Guru Veena Bhat from Nrityadarpan School, they will grace the stage with their debut performance. Chief guests include Guru Shubha Dhananjay, chairperson, Karnataka Sangitha Nruthya Academy. The event concludes with dinner.

At Viveka Auditorium, Jayanagar. 5.30pm onwards.

Cultural carnival

TILL AUGUST 25

Kesariya invites you to experience 'Rangilo Rajasthan'. This festival celebrates the traditions of Rajasthan with daily Kathputli puppet shows, performed by authentic Rajasthani puppeteers, along with a specially curated menu of traditional Rajasthani dishes and beverages.

At Kesariya, Indiranagar. From 7pm to 10pm. Call 4370 5400.

Bengaluru police back to random checking of vehicles for violations

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BENGALURU

In a special drive carried out on Saturday, the East and South Division traffic police booked over 1,000 cases against erring motorists violating traffic rules.

Even though the traffic police termed this as a special drive, random vehicle checks and flagging off vehicles at every nook and corner of the city roads are back after a lull of two years.

Motorists across the city are increasingly noticing the presence of traffic police on the streets after a long gap.

According to the official release issued by East Division Traffic, as many as 890 motorists have been booked for various violations and collected a total of ₹4.4 lakh fine amount from the offenders. Jumping traffic signals, riding one way, footpath riding, riding without helmets, triple riding, and using mobile phones while riding are the major offences committed by two-wheeler riders across the city.

"The special drive was carried often to reduce traffic violations and instill discipline among the motorists which has been on the rise for the last year. This also led to an increase in fatal accident rates," Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP, traffic, East Division, said.

Physical checks and random checking of vehicles were stopped in June 2022 based on the direction of the then DG-IGP Praveen Sood. The decision was taken following a series of harassment and corruption complaints, which, according to a senior police officer, dented the image of the traffic police across the country.

Traffic violations

The order issued by Mr. Sood stated that no vehicle will be stopped solely for document checking unless it has committed traffic violations visibly.

The present DGP Alok Mohan also reiterated that the traffic police's job is not enforcement, but traffic management until Home Minister G. Parameshwara differed with this view at a senior police officers meeting held recently. Mr. Parameshwara, while recommending law and order police to be visible on the roads to instill a sense of fear among the wrong doers, said this is also applicable to the traffic police.

Since physical checks on vehicles by traffic police stopped, motorists violated traffic rules with impunity and hoodwinked enforcement cameras by hiding the registration number plates.

ADGP, Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar, said, "In Bengaluru city alone, seven lives were saved in the last three months compared to the last year. A total of 76 deaths have been reported in May, 72 in June, and 72 in July last year compared to 62 in May , 65 in June and 65 in July this year."

SC stays coercive steps against YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar

He was detained by the police on Monday, barely three days after Madras HC quashed his detention; the top court slammed the police, saying preventive detention was a 'serious law'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed the Tamil Nadu Police from taking any coercive measures against YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar in 16 FIRs registered against him in various districts of the State.

Appearing before a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, advocates Balaji Srinivasan Harsha Tripathi and K. Gowtham Kumar, for Mr. Shankar, said all the 16 FIRs pertain to an interview given by him to a YouTube channel.

Mr. Srinivasan urged the court to quash the 16 FIRs. The court has issued notice while listing the case on August 23.

The police claimed that he had made derogatory remarks against its women personnel in the interview. Mr. Srinivasan countered that his client was merely exercising his right to free speech, for which the State was "not prosecuting, but persecuting him".

"He was detained yesterday even after they knew that he had moved the Supreme Court," Mr. Srinivasan submitted in court. On July 18, the Supreme Court had ordered the interim release of Mr. Shankar, who had at the time already been in preventive detention under the T.N. Goondas Act for about two months, since May.

Mr. Srinivasan said the Madras High Court had subsequently quashed the State's order of detention against Mr. Shankar in a detailed judgment on August 9.

"The High Court judgment was based on a reasoning that the malice of the State was writ large and that individual freedom cannot be clamped down on the whims and fancies of the State," the lawyer submitted.

Recently, the SC had observed that the State should not end up being too harsh on Mr. Shankar. The Court had pointed out that preventive detention was a "serious law". It had asked the State whether Mr. Shankar was a "threat to national security".

Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, for the State of Tamil Nadu, had termed Mr. Shankar a "habitual offender" who made denigrating remarks against women police personnel during an interview.

Contentious battle: YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar being produced before the special court in Madurai in May. R. ASHOK

Kerala to pay ₹6 lakh to next of kin of landslide victims

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Cabinet on Wednesday announced an *ex gratia* payment of ₹6 lakh to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the catastrophic landslides in Wayanad district on July 30.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said siblings of the disaster victims could not claim the compensation unless they proved that they depended on the deceased person. However, parents, husbands, wives, and children of the victims could claim compensation without having to submit a legal heir certificate.

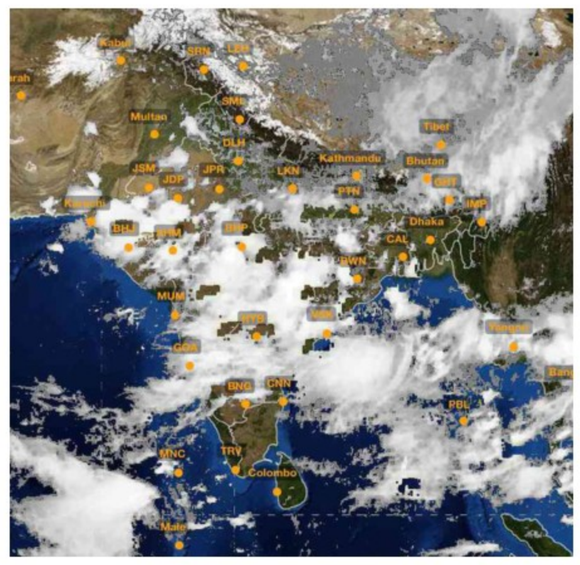
Mr. Vijayan said the next of kin of those reported missing in the disaster were also eligible for the same compensation. The police will soon publish a list of missing persons. He pegged the number of missing persons at 118. The government will pay ₹75,000 as compensation for those who suffered 60% disability in the disaster. Those with 40% to 60% disablement will receive ₹50,000 as compensation.

So far, 52 bodies and 194 body parts remained unclaimed in morgues. The government had collected DNA samples from the remains for identification purposes. Using the latest DNA fingerprinting technique, forensic experts have matched 349 body parts with 248 people, including 121 men and 127 women. The government was yet to receive the blood samples of the relatives of three Bihar natives who died in the landslides.

The government would underwrite the rent up to ₹6,000 per month of houses commandeered by the district administration.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	16	35.0	26.2	Kozhikode	3	30.6	25.3
Ahmedabad	—	34.7	26.3	Kurnool	—	36.5	26.2
Aizawl	33	32.8	23.5	Lucknow	7	34.0	26.1
Allahabad	0.4	31.7	28.3	Madurai	—	33.7	25.4
Bengaluru	—	31.0	23.0	Mangaluru	—	32.2	25.5
Bhopal	—	31.8	24.2	Mumbai	1	32.5	25.9
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	25.2	Mysuru	—	31.2	14.5
Chandigarh	8	31.5	27.9	New Delhi	12.5	35.4	26.6
Chennai	—	34.2	28.1	Patna	—	33.6	28.1
Coimbatore	—	33.2	24.2	Port Blair	6	29.4	24.6
Dehradun	7	32.2	25.2	Puducherry	—	33.8	27.0
Gangtok	41	25.1	18.3	Pune	—	32.1	22.5
Goa	—	31.4	26.5	Raipur	6.2	31.0	27.6
Guwahati	—	36.4	27.3	Ranchi	58	31.2	23.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	24.0	Shillong	5	26.7	17.5
Hyderabad	0.3	32.2	26.1	Shimla	0.6	25.3	21.1
Imphal	—	32.7	24.0	Srinagar	—	35.3	23.4
Jaipur	13	32.0	26.0	Thiruvananthapuram	79	30.7	23.8
Kochi	9	28.1	25.2	Tiruchi	—	35.1	26.6
Kohima	1	27.4	22.0	Vijayawada	—	34.8	27.8
Kolkata	7	34.4	27.4	Visakhapatnam	0.6	31.4	28.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..29	23	... 130	83	
Bengaluru	.11	..35	50	... 163	...110	
Chennai	...8	6	61	... 193	...164	
Delhi	...8	116	31	... 109	...117	
Hyderabad	...8	..22	44	 55	...143	
Kolkata	...9	..66	25	 82	69	
Lucknow	.10	7	25	 51	99	
Mumbai	.19	..19	12	 35	85	
Pune	..—	..40	50	 75	61	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..45	15	 46	88	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhagalpur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 158 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Palkalaiperur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

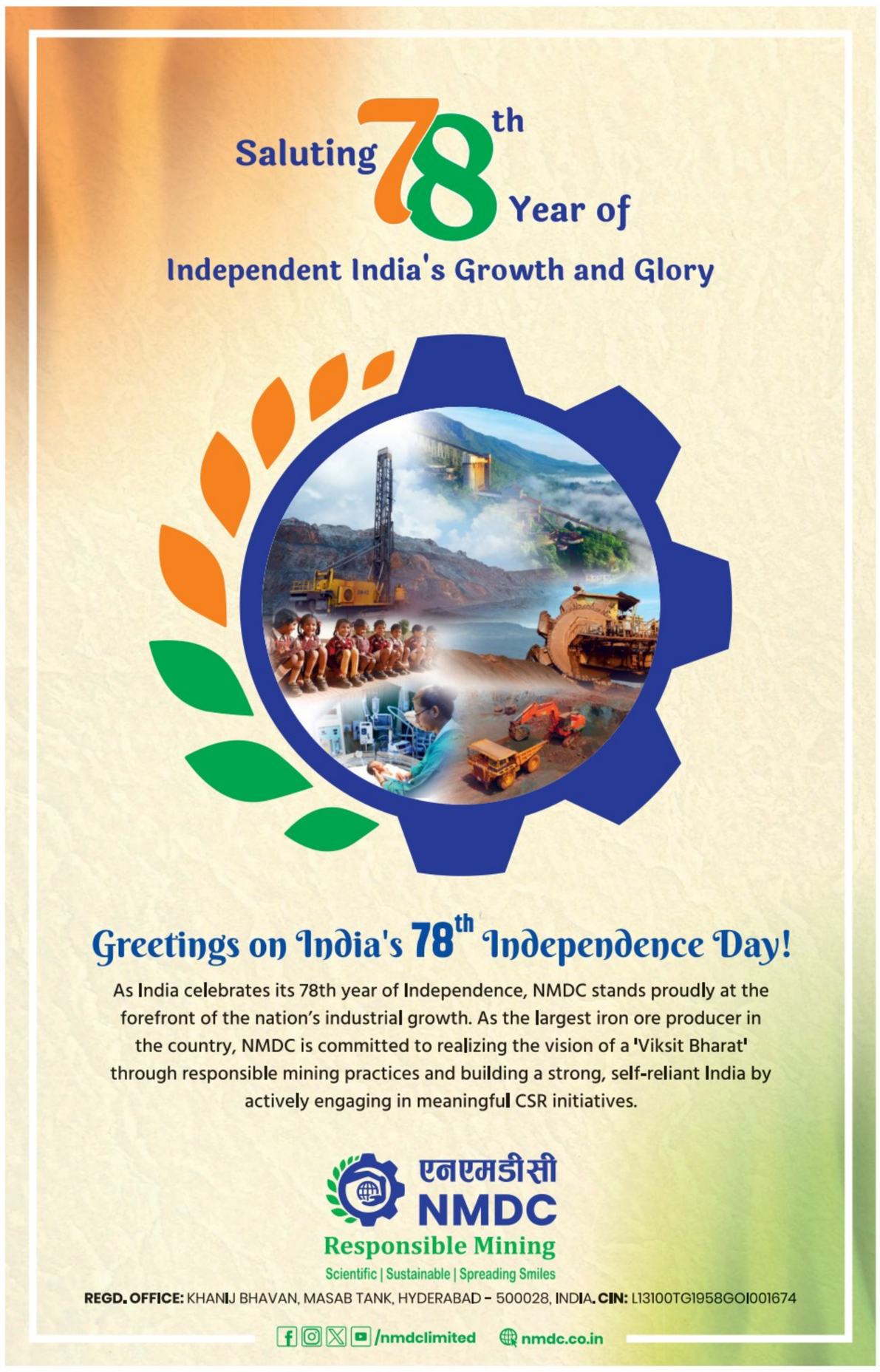
Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease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No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-8/TND/2024-25/1315 Date: 14.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in two cover tender document system in KPP Portal for the following work.

Description of works: Construction of Health and wellness Centres at 1) Nittur, 2) Jangama Tumbigere, 3) Sattur, 4) U Kallahalli, 5) Chirastahalli in Harapanahalli Taluk, 6) Harakabavi, 7) Jolada Kudligi, 8) Rampura in Kudligi Taluk, 9) Enagi, 10) Upanayakanahalli in Hagari Bommanahalli Taluk, 11) M Kallahalli, 12) KK Thanda in Hadagali Taluk Vijayanagara District. Approximate Estimate Cost: **Rs. 780.00 lakhs.** Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs. 11.70 lakhs.** Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **11 Months.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **17.09.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.** (2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **18.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs.** The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated on KPP portal only.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(MAHATHMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER HOUSE)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

No.: KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1857 Date: 07-08-2024.
Bids in two parts are invited through e-procurement portal (Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for "Fabrication, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of deflector pivot arm mechanism assembly for Unit # 7 and Unit # 8 at MGHE Works. Last date and time for on-line submission of tenders is 21.08.2024, 15.00 Hrs. Further details can be had from the office of The Executive Engineer (Mechanical Maintenance) MGHE, MGHE Works, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka State. Mobile: +91-9141612716, e-Mail: eemmmghekpcl@karnataka.gov.in

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD Ramanagara Special Division, Ramanagara.

Tender Notification No. : 05/2024-25 **Date : 13-08-2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in **Two Cover System** from the eligible contractors for **01 works of Rs. 440.00 Lakhs** through e-procurement portal as per the Standard Bid Documents. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Documents may be Downloaded from 19-08-2024 to 18-09-2024, 2) Last Date for Submission of Tender 18-09-2024 upto 16.00 hours. 3) Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : 11-09-2024 at 11.30 hours, 4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid 19-09-2024 (If possible) at 16.30 hours.

Tender Processing Fees, EMD as per E-procurement. For more information contact the undersigned during Office Hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD, Special Division, Ramanagara.
DIPR/Ramanagar/231/Manipal/2024-25

DR.N.T.R. UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, A.P., VIJAYAWADA-08

ADMISSIONS INTO MBBS AND BDS COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25 UNDER

1) Competent Authority (SELF-FINANCING) seats and Competent Authority (NRI Category) seats in new Government Medical Colleges;
2) MANAGEMENT QUOTA [Category-B1, B2 and Category-C(NRI)] seats in Private Un-aided Non-Minority and Minority Medical Colleges and Dental Colleges affiliated to Dr. NTRUHS; and
3) NRI Category seats in Sri Padmavathi Medical College for Women (Under SVIMS), Tirupati.
Online Application forms along with uploading scanned original certificates are invited from the eligible candidates who secured the cut off marks and more in NEET UG 2024 for admission into MBBS and BDS Courses under various categories as stated above for the academic year 2024-25.

SCHEDULE

Schedule of availability of online Application form	From 10.00 PM on 14.08.2024 to 06.00 PM on 16.08.2024 & From 09.00 PM on 18.08.2024 to 09.00 PM on 21.08.2024
With late fee	After 09.00 PM on 21.08.2024 upto 06.00 PM on 23.08.2024
For application, Prospectus and complete details visit University Website	https://drntr.uhsap.in

NO. OF COLLEGES AND SEATS AVAILABLE

Course	College Status	No. of Colleges	Competent Authority	
			Self-Financing (B2)	NRI Category
MBBS	Government	05	225	95
	SVIMS, Tirupati	01	-	23

Course	College Status	No. of Colleges	Category of Seat				
			B	B1	B2	C (NRI)	
MBBS	Private Non- Minority	16	-	149	842	434	472
	Private Minority	02	87	-	-	38	
BDS	Private Non- Minority	14	-	64	390	196	211
	Private Minority	01	35	-	-	15	

NOTE: 1) Category- B1 seats are open to the candidates from all over the Country and filled first by order of merit from the merit list notified.
2) Category-B2 seats shall be allotted to local candidates from Andhra Pradesh State only i.e. by order of merit from the merit list notified.

Vijayawada **Sd/- (Dr. VEMIREDDY RADHIKA REDDY)**
Date:14.08.2024 **REGISTRAR**
(Endorsement No.845/MBBS/BDS/EA1/2024-MQ)

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No. Sup/CR/KRH/199/2023-24 **Date :** 09.08.2024

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub : Invitation of Short Term Re-Tender for providing of **Manpower services on out-source basis for various Group 'D' (Security) vacant posts at K.R. Hospital, Mysuru.**

The Re-Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for providing of **Manpower services on out-source basis for the various Group 'D' (Security) vacant posts at K.R. Hospital, Mysuru.** The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **13.08.2024** and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **27.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean
Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/408/2024-25

Illusory blip

The decline in inflation offers no respite for households

India's retail prices rose 3.54% in July, the slowest pace in almost five years, easing sharply from 5.1% in June. Food inflation, that has been high for about three years now, slid to a 13-month low of 5.4%. This is also the first time since August 2019 that inflation as per the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has aligned with the Reserve Bank of India's median inflation target of 4%. Last week, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to maintain status quo on interest rates for the ninth consecutive time as it awaits a durable decline in the inflation rate. July's pleasant inflation numbers will not trigger a rethink, as the MPC has in fact, hiked its projection for this quarter's inflation average to 4.4% from 3.8%. So it expects price rise to rebound to well over 4% through August and September. There is good reason to see through July's print as a purely statistical outcome of base effects from last July – when the CPI was up 7.4% and food was 11.5% dearer – rather than a tangible softening of persistent price pressures for households.

Vegetable inflation, the biggest driver of last month's decline, slid from June's 29.3% spike to just 6.8% in July. But this was on top a whopping 37.3% rise last July, when prices of tomato, which played a key role in last month's vegetable price trend, had hit around ₹110 per kilo. Moreover, households do not feel the pinch of living costs on a year-on-year basis alone, as they need to readjust spending plans depending on how every passing month plays out. While vegetable (and tomato) prices were already high in May amid a heatwave, July's price levels are over 30% and 14% higher than May and June, respectively. Moreover, inflation in some food items, such as pulses and cereals, remains stubborn despite base effects. The prices of pulses rose in double digits for the fourteenth straight month, by 14.8% on top of 13.3% recorded last July. On the other hand, core inflation (excluding food and energy prices) rose for the first time since January 2023, primarily led by pricier services, including transport and communication that sped thanks to telecom tariff hikes. Private surveys on manufacturing and services signal a hardening of price pressures beyond food, which in turn is expected to see a meaningful reprieve only by October when the next harvest hits the market. While *kharif* sowing progress holds some hope, the September monsoon spurt predicted by the weatherman may yet hit standing crops. With the prolonged spate of high inflation cramping consumption levels, and in turn, hopes of fresh private investments, the latest optical blip offers neither comfort nor room for complacency.

Violence, most foul

The government should not wait for public outrage before it acts

Some excesses are more excessive than others; it is fair to count rape among the most egregious violations of human rights. The recent horrific rape and murder of the Kolkata postgraduate medical student in what should have been a haven for her – a State-run hospital she was working in – must give the nation pause. The state and circumstances in which the body was found leave no room for any doubt that it was a most dastardly violent act, and brazen in that it occurred within a hall in the supposedly safe confines of the government medical college hospital. Every rape, unfortunately, is measured in severity by the amount of attention it garners from the public, and the outrage beast is selective. That is where the problem lies: even enforcement authorities seem to gauge public outrage before acting upon crimes against women. The Kolkata case was a classic example: the parents of the slain doctor were reportedly told that she had committed suicide initially, a blatant lie. Whereas, it could not have escaped the attention of anyone at the scene of crime, but particularly so medical professionals, that here indeed was dreadful assault and murder. Was the wilful cover-up necessitated by the fact that both the home and health portfolios are being held by none other than the Chief Minister of the State? Or to avoid responsibility for the administrative lapses that allowed such a crime to take place? The government, sadly, preferred to wait until the public outrage over the grisly crime became impossible to contain politically.

Indignant protests broke out in Kolkata and across the country, bolstered mostly by medical students and post graduates in hospitals, demanding safety and security as they engaged in healing people. Multiple acts of violence against doctors have marred the peace between doctors and patients, in the country, for years now. The murder, last year, of Dr. Vandana Das in Kerala by a patient with mental illness is recent history, but the frequent attacks on doctors and nurses during COVID-19, or when there are adverse health outcomes, have been recorded too. The Indian Medical Association has said that for doctors, pedestrian working conditions, an inhuman workload and harassment in the workplace are the reality, even without violence queering the pitch. The move to drop the 2019 proposal to introduce legislation to protect doctors and their workplace was a lapse, and it should be remedied forthwith. Above all, the state should proactively take steps to prevent rapes, making the punishment a deterrent. The nation cannot afford to fail one more doctor or hospital caregiver. Those tasked with saving lives should not have to fear for their own.

The trial that progressed rapidly towards Independence

Shashi Tharoor

the fourth-term Lok Sabha Member of Parliament (Congress) for Thiruvananthapuram and the bestselling author of 25 books, including the Sahitya Akademi-award winning 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India'

Seventy-nine years ago, a sunset accompanied the dawn of Britain's victory in the Second World War. Having cast the shadow of her domination over a quarter of the globe for much of the previous three centuries, Britannia, shattered by the rigours of war, began descending into darkness. The sun was finally setting on the British Empire. Winston Churchill lost the general election of 1945, which swept Clement Attlee and his Labour Party into 10 Downing Street. Plans were soon afoot to facilitate, as King George VI announced, "the early realisation of full self-government in India".

Churchill chafed at this, but he and the Tories could do little to prevent it. So insolvent was Britain after Second World War that John Maynard Keynes, the chief architect of Britain's postwar economy, acidly told Attlee that the country, trapped in infrastructural breakdown and soaring national debt, was facing a "financial Dunkirk". Her Treasury having run dry, Britain had no option but to seek aid from the United States – and cut her losses by divesting herself of the Empire.

The Red Fort trial

The process moved rapidly towards Independence – and Partition. In the Indian general elections of 1945-46, the Muslim League, which had expanded and consolidated its support while the Congress leadership was in jail during the war, secured 75% of all Muslim votes – a colossal increase from the less than 5% it had mustered in all previous elections. India's freedom struggle was splintering on the question of whether religion should be the determinant of nationhood. Despairing for the future of their plural and progressive idea of India, the Congress began searching for an issue that could not only reinvigorate the freedom struggle but also rekindle the flame of religious harmony in the hearts of all Indians.

Almost on cue, the British, after practising the cynical politics of *divide et impera* for nearly a century and enabling the demand for Pakistan, unwittingly provided that issue. In a gesture so counter-productive that it could almost have been an act of expiation, the Raj clumsily gave the clashing factions a last chance of unity. Charging the Indian National Army with treason during the war, they placed on trial at the Red Fort three valorous soldiers – a Hindu, a Muslim, and a Sikh – of Subhas Chandra Bose's Azad Hind Fauj/Indian National Army (INA), thus indicting representatives of 98% of India's population, and uniting all of it.

The result was a national outcry that spanned the communal divide. Whatever the errors and misjudgements of the INA men (and Nehru believed freedom could never have come through an alliance with foreigners, let alone foreign fascists), they had not been disloyal to their motherland. Each of the three defendants became a symbol of his community's proud commitment to independence from alien rule. "The punishment given them," thundered Jawaharlal Nehru on August 20, 1945, "would in effect be a punishment on all India and all Indians ... a deep wound would be created in millions of hearts."

Delhi's Red Fort had been an enduring symbol of India's quest for freedom ever since the Revolt of 1857. This is why the East India Company, upon crushing the resistance, decimated two-thirds of the Fort's spectacular inner structures, displacing them with a hideous cantonment, complete with barracks, office buildings, sheds, and godowns. In a rousing speech delivered in Singapore in July 1943, Bose had spurred his Azad Hind Fauj to march onward, immortalising in the battle cry, "*Chalo Dilli*!", his aspiration of seeing the Indian tricolour aflutter over the Red Fort. But when the heroes of the INA finally reached the Red Fort, it was to face charges of treason, punishable by death.

Protests that spread across India

The historic court martial commenced on November 5, 1945. On trial – charged with waging war against the King-Emperor, murder, and abetment of murder – were Captain Shah Nawaz Khan and Lieutenant Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon of the Punjab Regiment, and Captain P.K. Sahgal of the Baluch Regiment. As the hearing proceeded, throngs of Indians encircled the walls of the Red Fort, demanding justice for the lionhearts and roaring on and on: "*Laal Quila se aayi aawaaz*, Sahgal, Dhillon, Shahnawaaz!" Condemning the trial and demanding that all INA soldiers be exonerated, the All-India Congress Committee had, in September itself, constituted an INA Defence and Relief Committee, which ultimately formed the triumvirate's glittering 17-member defence team. This dream squad of eminent Congress barristers included one whose disinclination to practise law had coincided with the nationalist rejection of such institutions of the Raj as its judiciary. Donning after 25 years his barrister's gown and wig, Nehru leapt to the defence of these men, who had fought for India's liberation alongside Bose, his former comrade. Both the Congress and the League rose to the trio's side; as slogans of "Death to British Imperialism!" and "Hindu-Muslim Unity *Zindabad*!" suffused the air, the flags of both the Congress and the Muslim League waved above the protests. Pro-INA protests, spearheaded primarily by the Congress, fanned out across India. Holding aloft banners that bore such slogans as "They are Patriots, not Traitors", Indians of all faiths marched shoulder to shoulder, hurling clenched fists into the air and thundering "*Jai Hind*!". While in Madras the police opened fire on protesters, killing five, Calcutta, Bose's hometown, became the epicentre of these protests, with students from several political organisations virtually encamping in the streets for four days in late November, only to be joined afterwards by factory workers and Sikh taxi drivers. Eventually, the police opened fire and 97 protesters perished. The residents of Delhi, Lahore, Bombay, Patna, and Lucknow turned out in droves to support the triad on trial at the Red Fort.

Independence Day

Beginning of the British end-game

But the moment passed: the defence of three patriots was no longer enough to guarantee a common definition of patriotism. The ferment across the country made the conviction of the trio almost irrelevant: freedom was inevitable, but so was Partition. By the time the trial got under way, it was apparent that the ultimate treason to the British Raj was being contemplated in its own capital. London, under the Labour Party, exhausted by war, was determined to rid itself of the burdens of its Indian empire. In February 1946, Prime Minister Attlee announced the dispatch of a Cabinet Mission to India "to discuss with leaders of Indian opinion the framing of an Indian Constitution". The endgame had begun.

Today, as we mark the 77th anniversary of our Independence, facing again an India that some politicians would divide on religious grounds, let us not forget that glorious flicker of national unity that marked the Red Fort Trials. The Empire descended into discredit from that moment, its extinction made inevitable by its own flailing attempt to assert itself over rebellious Indians.

As Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the tricolour over the Red Fort for the first time in free India, against the dazzling sky in which fluttered the flag of freedom, he was standing at the site of a glorious failure – a testament to what we, the people of India, are capable of aspiring to when we stand together, united and undeterred, in the service of a larger cause, and yet a moment of rebirth that was also an abortion, with the nation torn into two. Let us hope that, eight decades later, our leaders find the wisdom to commit themselves again to what unites us as a people, rather than promote the forces of division. This time at the Red Fort, all of us are on trial.

Decades after the Red Fort trial, it is hoped that India's leaders find the wisdom to commit themselves again to what unites us citizens as a people

Freedom from dependence, a new era in health care

Dr. Preetha Reddy

Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited

India's Independence Day, on August 15, is a time for reflection on the nation's remarkable journey across various sectors. One of the most profound transformations we have witnessed, is in the health-care sector. From a time when Indians had to travel to the western world for advanced medical treatments, to today, where India stands as a global health-care hub, we have come a long way. This evolution not only signifies our medical prowess but also our economic resilience.

Until the 1980s, it was a common practice for affluent Indians to seek advanced medical treatments abroad, especially in western countries. This dependency was not only a drain on our financial resources but also a testament to the gaps in our health-care system. However, the landscape of Indian health care has undergone a seismic shift. Today, India is recognised globally for its world-class medical services, attracting patients from over 147 countries. This transformation is a testament to the relentless efforts of our medical professionals, the strategic vision of our policymakers, and the resilience of our health-care institutions.

Heal in India, a global care hub

The shift from medical tourism to being a preferred medical destination has had significant economic implications. According to recent studies, India saves billions in foreign exchange annually as fewer Indians need to travel abroad for medical treatments. The cost of treatment in India is significantly lower than in western countries, with the same, if not better, quality of care. This has not only helped in retaining valuable foreign exchange but has also positioned India as a cost-effective health-care destination.

Moreover, the inflow of international patients contributes to the economy, creating jobs and fosters growth in related sectors such as hospitality, transportation, and pharmaceuticals. The influx of medical tourists is estimated to generate revenues of over $9 billion annually, further boosting the nation's economy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clarion call of "Heal in India" is more than a slogan. It is a vision for positioning India as a global health-care leader.

With a concerted effort, India has made significant strides in medical tourism, though there is still room for growth when compared to our neighbouring countries. Our state-of-the-art hospitals, skilled medical professionals, and cost-effective treatments have made India a preferred destination for medical tourists. Patients from across the globe come to India for a wide range of treatments, from complex cardiac surgeries to advanced oncology.

India's health-care system has emerged as a beacon of hope and excellence. This is not just about treating ailments; it is about providing holistic care that addresses the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of patients. Our health-care professionals are not merely doctors and nurses; they are healers who embody compassion, dedication, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

Independence Day

Challenges and opportunities

While we celebrate our achievements, we must also acknowledge the challenges that lie ahead. India continues to import a significant portion of its medical devices, which adds to the cost of treatments and impacts our self-reliance. According to a study by the Indian Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), India imported medical devices worth over $6.24 billion in 2021-22. However, the "Make in India" initiative is gaining momentum, with increasing investments in the domestic production of medical devices. This shift not only aims to reduce dependency on imports but also to enhance the affordability and accessibility of medical care.

The journey towards self-reliance in health care is ongoing, and the progress we have made is a testament to our collective resilience and innovation. The burgeoning medical device industry in India is a symbol of our growing capability to produce high-quality, affordable health-care solutions. This progress is a clarion call to our young innovators and entrepreneurs to step into the health-care arena and drive further advancements. As we look to the future, it is imperative to inspire Indian youth to consider careers in health care. The health-care sector is not just about medical treatments; it is about service to humanity and nation-building. The purpose of health care is universal, transcending boundaries and touching lives in profound ways. By choosing a career in health care, young Indians can contribute to the nation's growth and make a meaningful difference in the lives of millions, across the world.

The youth of India hold the keys to our future. Their energy, creativity, and passion are essential in driving the next wave of innovations in health care. By embracing careers in this sector, they can play a pivotal role in transforming our health-care system into one that is not only self-reliant but also a global leader. Health care offers a unique opportunity to blend science, technology, and compassion to create a lasting impact on society.

Celebrating Independence with a vision

As we celebrate India's Independence Day, let us take pride in the strides we have made in health care. From being a nation dependent on the West for medical treatments to becoming a global health-care destination, our journey is nothing short of remarkable. Let us continue to build on this foundation, striving for excellence and self-reliance in health care.

The journey from dependence to independence in health care is a microcosm of India's broader path to self-reliance and excellence. It embodies the spirit of innovation, resilience, and service that defines our nation.

In this spirit of independence and progress, let us commit to a future where India is not just a healer for its people but for the world. Let us strive for a health-care system that is inclusive, innovative, and inspiring. Together, we can build a health-care system that is a source of pride for every Indian and a beacon of hope for the world. *Jai Hind*!

The landscape of Indian health care has undergone a seismic shift

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Murder in Kolkata

The gruesome murder of a lady doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata is shocking. Now that the CBI has taken over the investigation, one hopes that we will get to know the truth. The reason for the slovenliness on the part of the authorities needs to be explained. Police pickets in hospitals are a must.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

We live in a society where humanity has almost expired. The case is a chilling reminder of the Nirbhaya case of 2012. Do we deserve to live in a society where there is no protection for girls? Do we need to wait for a decade or more to punish the perpetrators?

Chandrani Das,
Jammu

The brutality numbs the heart and soul. Keeping politics aside, the perpetrators must be brought to justice soon. There has been a total failure on the part of the administration, including the authorities of the medical college in providing adequate security for the staff.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

Need for stability

If unaddressed, instability in the South Asian region could have a catastrophic impact. As the global power equilibrium has shifted to the Indo-Pacific region, the stability of South Asia is inevitable to counter the assertiveness of China. India could take a cue from ASEAN and its triumphant regional cooperation.

M. Rishidev,
Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

The seductive trap of the civil services

Ashok Lavasa
Retired IAS officer and former Election Commissioner

Two lamentable tales unfolded in India recently. Both of them, about young aspirants, made telling headlines and made one sad, even angry. The first story from Maharashtra brought a cloud over the stellar reputation of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), which has selected government officers based on merit for over seven decades without any major controversies. The second story from Delhi laid bare the struggles of thousands in India in trying to achieve single-minded success in being able to crawl through an aspirational miasma. The civil services is the major seductive trap, which can be detoxified by some readjustment of public policy and popular perspective.

The underbelly

The attraction for the civil services is historical; the obsession seen in recent times unprecedented. About five decades ago, when we were students, preparing for the civil services was considered a national pastime driven by the dignity and security of a government job and by the dearth of employment opportunities. Economic liberalisation changed it all by opening up job options in the market. The government too reduced intake for its services in its zeal to downsize. However, as this was not accompanied by the shedding of government functions and reduction in the authorised strength of the service cadres, a huge deficit was created in due course. With the revision in government salaries recommended by the Sixth Pay Commission implemented in 2008, when there was an economic downturn and the private sector was benching or retrenching its staff, the government re-emerged as a preferred employer.

The national pastime of yore has assumed epidemic dimensions. Its underbelly was recently exposed first when a trainee officer in Maharashtra was found to have faked her identity and documents and then by the terrible and entirely avoidable deaths of three aspirants in Delhi.

Questions have rightly been asked about the acts of omission and commission that led to both these incidents. While the first incident relates to the psyche of an individual, who was gaming the system to qualify to be termed the 'cream of society', the other relates to the collective psyche of a society enmeshed in chasing stereotypical aspirations. An entire industry capitalises on this pursuit even though it is aware that the rate of success is small.

One such aspirant has been sending me mails for the last seven years, sharing his repeated failures. I could not succeed in persuading him to change course despite his qualifying for the now-discredited National Eligibility Test. Such is the allure of the civil services, and the Indian Administrative Service has come to represent that fatal attraction. I once interacted with 28 aspirants who had qualified for the interview. Only one of them was appearing for the interview for the first time; the others were taking their fifth or sixth chance.

The catastrophe of the drowning of the three aspirants has raised a clamour for regulating the coaching institutions and for stricter enforcement of urban regulations. The irony is that the demand is being made of the same bureaucracy whose ineptitude is responsible for this calamity. The entry of the floodwater mixed with overflowing sewer into the basement is not the only calamity; nor is the arrest of the SUV driver accused of being the main culprit the only farcical response of the system. The rot is deeper.

Some suggestions

First, the upper age limit for candidates needs to be reduced. After the Kothari Commission's recommendations and subsequent changes, and with age relaxation for various special categories, a candidate can be nearly 34-35 years old at the time of entry into service. Given that the lower age limit for eligibility is 21, the upper age limit should be reduced to 25 with a relaxation of two years for all special categories. The number of attempts may be restricted to three, with an additional attempt allowed to the special categories.

The wide age band and the many attempts allowed has created an enormous market for the notorious coaching industry to thrive on. Millions of aspirants join these centres every year. The success rate is so small that it is difficult to calculate. An analysis must be done to show how many candidates keep repeating their efforts and eventually give up after exhausting their chances. Why should our public policies promote a race in which so much energy and resources are spent? The only beneficiary of this insane pursuit is the mushrooming coaching industry, propagated by those who have occupied respectable positions of authority while in government.

Those who qualify after such a long and arduous struggle are bound to feel a sense of unrealistic attainment in qualifying for the exam. But when they are so overwhelmed by their repeated attempts and hard-earned success, how much fire is left in their belly to excel while in service? For some, it would be the time to enjoy the fruits of their labour and luck rather than toil to discharge the responsibility that follows their entry into public service.

It is equally important to disabuse the younger generation of the notion that government service is the only way of serving the nation. Being a good teacher, an ethical accountant, a conscientious chemist, and an honest contractor are also ways of serving society and contributing towards nation-building. All honest hard work goes into building a nation. Public service neither has the monopoly nor does it provide any extraordinary opportunity to serve the nation.

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India, a beacon of democracy

It is time to move towards the goals of modern aspirational India

Kamal Haasan

Today, India is one of the last beacons of democratic hope among the nations of the Global South. Despite the rise of global pessimism towards liberal democracies, the re-emergence of anti-democratic forces in South Asia, and India's own ongoing confrontation with polarisation, the Indian experiment with democracy that began this day 78 years ago boldly sustains.

India and its neighbours

But as India's democratic journey modestly thrives and the country looks to play a larger role in the world order, its own backyard is riddled with problems. Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Bangladesh all find themselves on the brink of political and economic disaster accompanied by breakdown of democratic rule of civilian authority.

Unlike the neighbourhood, the Indian state's constitutional setup has withstood the complications that an independent, democratic society with diverse castes, linguistic groups, and religious communities, faces. The diversity of our electoral politics represents the system of social and cultural asymmetry in the region.

India succeeded, unlike its neighbours, in successfully bringing substantive democracy to its polity as opposed to other nations where only procedural democracy was established. Elections alone cannot ensure genuine democratic movements. Indian society has faithfully imbibed the democratic spirit of its constitutional order.

Independent India has built successful robust welfare delivery mechanisms such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and the Public Distribution System, constituted affirmative action programmes to overcome historical inequities of the caste system of the Indian sub-continent, succeeded in the partial devolution of governance to local institutions such as the Panchayati Raj system, and given economic freedom to the masses with free trade.

The armed forces have also played a storied role in the democratic journey of independent India. Time and again, our brave hearts at the borders have beaten back threats to India's territorial integrity. But unlike its counterparts in the region, the Indian military has maintained its sacrosanct faith in the constitutional and democratic ideals of the nation. The Indian soldier has been a guardian angel both at the border and internally, in maintaining the constitutional setup of the Indian state.

An incomplete journey

Despite these successes, India's democratic journey as yet is incomplete. The promise of the Constitution remains unfulfilled. A gradual erosion of rule of law continues unabated due to widening economic inequality, religious-caste based identity, polarisation, corruption, and the subsequent apathy among the youth towards our democratic values.

It is time for the nation to move beyond the goals of early independent India to those of modern aspirational India. It is time for a renewal and restrengthening of the social contract between the Indian state and its citizens. We must reframe our national ethos to replace the culture of silence with a culture of transparency, the culture of violence with a culture of peace, and the culture of exclusion with a culture of inclusion.

India's politically astute electorate has become hyper focused on electoral politics and has forgotten issue-based politics. From the Dandi March to the recent farmers' protest, issue-based movements have had a critical role in improving our governance models and societal values.

We must engage proudly as citizens of an inclusive and inspirational Indic civilisation, which has crossed its original hurdles and shall now take flight to the zenith of the global order. The writ of state should never be allowed to be replaced by the writ of the economic, political, or majoritarian elite.

Today we should celebrate farmers in their fields, teachers in rural government classrooms, soldiers on the border, Anganwadi workers, railway clerks, and brave emergency service providers who are all playing their part in ensuring that the benefits of a democratic and independent India are reaching every citizen of the country. They keep a constant vigil on India's journey as a democratic superpower.

Happy Independence Day to you all.

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More graduates but fewer relevant jobs in Bangladesh

The decision to bring back the quota system even as educated youth were not able to secure jobs may have intensified protests

DATA POINT

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Vignesh Radhakrishnan

A staggering rise in the share of urban Bangladeshi youth who finished college and no commensurate increase in the share of 'white-collar' jobs could be a major reason for the violent protests by students in the country's cities, data show.

The mass protests, which started in Dhaka and spread across Bangladesh, were led by students. They initially protested against the return of the 30% quota in government jobs for the descendants of those who fought in the 1971 War. When the regime responded with a harsh crackdown, they began demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation. On August 5, she resigned and fled the country.

Chart 1 shows the share of the urban population in Bangladesh aged 15 or above, who completed tertiary education, in FY17 and FY22. In just five years, the share of those who completed tertiary education surged from 11.5% to 18.3% among men and from 5.9% to 11% among women.

Chart 2 shows the occupation-wise share of the employed population in Bangladesh aged 15 or above, in FY17 and FY22. In FY17, 11.8% of those employed were managers and professionals. This barely increased to 12% in FY22. The share of those employed in 'blue-collar' work such as craft and related trade (including garments-related work) and elementary jobs came down slightly (a 2-3% point decline). The only commensurate increase in 'white-collar' work was among technicians, clerks, and associate professionals (by 3.8% points).

The share of those employed in skilled agriculture and allied work and as plant and machine operators increased in the period. Put together, while the share of those who completed college surged in recent years, not many students got jobs proportionate to their level of education.

Chart 3 shows the labour force participation rate (LFPR) of those aged 15 or above and who completed tertiary education, in FY17 and FY22. LFPR is the share of the working age population that is either working or looking for work. The LFPR among men who completed college decreased from 88.6% to 77.5% and for women, from 50.9% to 34.9%. This hints at the possibility that college-educated youth stopped looking for work due to the lack of relevant jobs.

Chart 4 shows the share of unemployed college-educated urban youth (aged 15-29) in the total unemployed population, in FY17 and FY22. The share of unemployed college-educated urban men in the total unemployed population increased from 20.8% to 27.3%; and for women, from 16.9% to 40.1%. So, not only did the LFPR among the college-educated decline, but their share in the unemployed population increased too.

Chart 5 shows the average monthly income in urban areas, by occupation (in Bangladeshi Taka), in FY17 and FY22. The average income of professionals and technicians/associate professionals decreased between the two periods, even in absolute terms, while the income levels of all other groups increased. So, even those college-educated youth who managed to find 'white-collar' jobs in urban areas in 2022 were earning less than what college-educated youth earned five years ago, even in absolute terms, without considering the effect of inflation.

Chart 6 shows the share of urban youth (15-29) Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), in FY17 and FY22. It nearly doubled among men (from 7.4% to 14.4%). This shows that the share of urban youth who are neither getting education nor gainful employment is surging in Bangladesh.

Graduated and jobless

The data for the charts are based on the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics' Labour force survey 2016-17 and 2022

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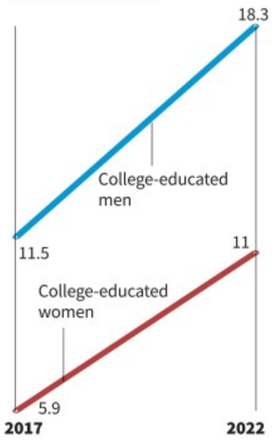

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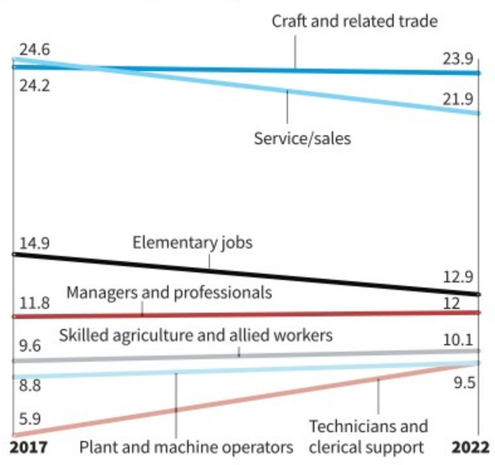

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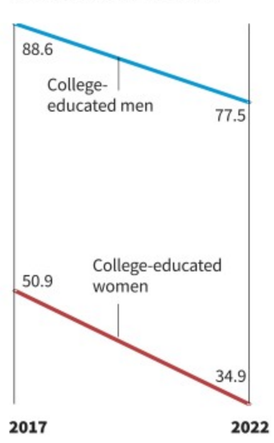

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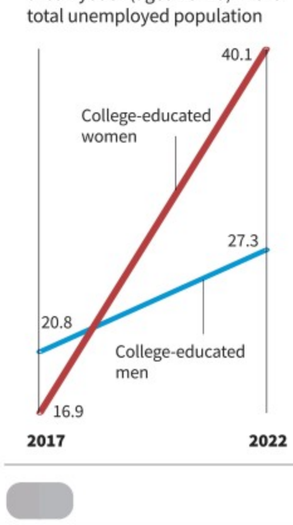

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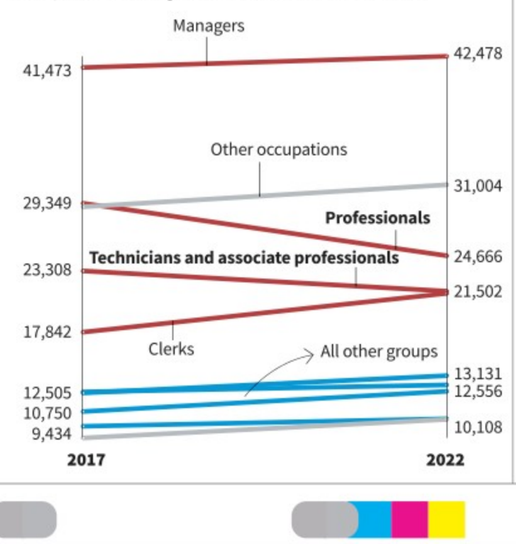

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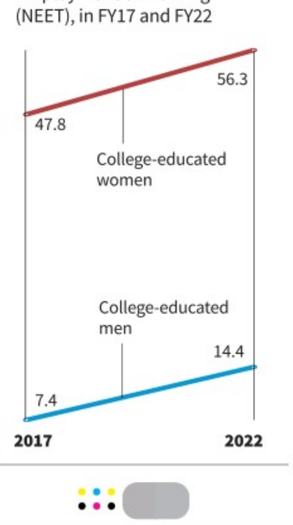

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 15, 1974

Giri asks political parties to take steps to end corruption

New Delhi, Aug 14: The President, Mr. V.V. Giri, to-day deplored strongly what he described as the "dominant role", that money power had come to play in recent years in the elections to legislatures, which, in his view, was the root cause of "corruption and corruptive influences in our public life." In his traditional Independence Day broadcast which was also in the nature of a farewell address to the nation on the eve of his relinquishing office, Mr. Giri warned that the people would lose faith in democratic values if leaders of all political parties did not take "prompt corrective measures" to remedy the situation by "joint consultations". The President's broadcast, which was full of anguish over the havoc that was being wrought by what he called "the man-made evils of corruption and inflation", was in a way reminiscent of the reproving note with which Dr. S. Radhakrishnan had spoken in his last Republic Day message in 1967, when he spoke about not only the Government's failures in various spheres but also the rapid decline in the country's moral values. It is customary for an outgoing President to be more outspoken about the state of the nation at the end of his term than during his tenure of office when he has to function, as Mr. Giri himself pointed out, in full awareness of the constraints imposed by the Constitution. The President said that, within these constitutional limits, he had striven in his own humble way to place before the nation certain ideas from time to time in the belief that they would help in finding solutions to some of the difficult problems facing the people.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 15, 1924

Khadi hawking in Punjab

Sabarmati, August 14: From the "Young India" to-day it appears that Sjt Bharucha has carried on during the last few days a campaign of brisk hawking of Khadi in the Punjab. He has hawked over Rs. 6,000 worth of Khadi in Lahore and Amritsar in less than ten days. I understand the hawking is still continuing. Mahatmaji, congratulating Sjt. Bharucha on his successful Khadi hawking, writes that "the moral of Mr. Bharucha's visit is that every province, if it wills, can dispose of its own Khadi. The people are willing if the workers are ready."

From Page One

Captain killed in Doda in a gunfight with militants

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, in separate statements, expressed concern over growing casualties among the security forces.

"Another young Army officer lays down his life in the line of duty, this time in an encounter in Doda. It is highly unfortunate that the situation in some parts of Jammu region has been allowed to deteriorate like this. May Captain Deepak Singh's soul rest in peace. I send my heartfelt condolences to his family and colleagues," Mr. Abdullah, National Conference vice-president, said.

Ms. Mufti, president of the Peoples Democratic Party, said, "No words will suffice to express the tragedy at Doda today where Captain Deepak Singh was killed during an encounter. The endless cycle of violence and mayhem in Jammu and Kashmir continue to devour the lives of innocents despite tall claims of normalcy by the administration. My deepest condolences to his family."

'Reject tendencies that stoke discord'

"We must make our political democracy a social democracy as well. Political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of it social democracy," Ms. Murmu said quoting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, while adding the Narendra Modi government had taken unprecedented initiatives to ensure social justice.

"The steady progress of political democracy testifies to the progress made towards the consolidation of social democracy. The spirit of inclusion pervades every aspect of our social life. We move together as a cohesive nation with our diversity and plurality," the President stated.

"Affirmative action must be strengthened as an instrument of inclusion. I firmly believe that in a vast country like ours, tendencies that stoke discord based upon perceived social hierarchies have to be rejected," she added.

The President detailed several government initiatives that are aimed at uplifting marginalised groups, including the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan Evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) that provides direct financial assistance, the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), focused on improving the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and the NAMASTE scheme, designed to eliminate manual scavenging.

Talking about the importance of justice in its broadest sense, particularly in terms of gender and climate justice, she acknowledged that while women in Indian society are seen as equals, traditional prejudices persist.

In that context, she noted that government efforts have tripled budget allocations for women's welfare over the past decade, leading to increased female labour participation and an improved sex ratio at birth. "The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam [women's reservation Act] is aimed at ensuring real empowerment of women," Ms. Murmu said.

In her speech, the President took note of the successful completion of G-20 summit, recognised the contribution of *annadatas* (farmers) towards agricultural self-reliance; improvements in infrastructure, including roads, railways, and ports; rapid progress made in science and technology; and the government's promotion of sectors like semiconductors and artificial intelligence. "Considering the great potential of futuristic technology, the government has vigorously promoted a range of sectors, such as semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence, while also creating an ideal ecosystem for startups which will propel their growth It has made India an even more attractive investment destination," she said.

Talking about winning laurels in sports, she mentioned India's best efforts at the recent Paris Olympics.

President's Police medals conferred on 18 CBI officials

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As many as 18 officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have bagged service medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2024.

The President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service have been conferred on six officials, while Police Medals for Meritorious Service have been awarded to 12.

Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Pradeep Kumar, Additional SPs Naresh Kumar Sharma, Pramod Kumar, and Mukesh Kumar, and head constables Ramji Lal Jat and Raj Kumar have got the President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service.

Among those awarded the Police Medals for Meritorious Service are Joint Director and Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) Vijayendra Bidari; DIG Mohammad Suvez Haqu; Additional SP Tathagat Vardan; Deputy SP Krishan Kumar Singh, inspector Darshan Singh, assistant sub-inspector Satyajit Halder; head constables Lalta Prasad, Subhash Chand, Onkardas Vaishnav, and Sadi Raju Reddy; constable Sivakumar Subramaniyan and stenographer Sampada Sanjeev Revankar.

President approves four Kirti Chakras, 18 Shaurya Chakras

Kirti Chakra was granted to Major Malla Rama Gopal Naidu, and posthumously to Colonel Manpreet Singh, Rifleman Ravi Kumar and DSP Humayun Muzammil Bhat; two Shaurya Chakras went to Navy personnel and two to Air Force personnel

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DSP Humayun Muzammil Bhat and, right, Colonel Manpreet Singh died in an encounter in Anantnag last year. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Four Kirti Chakras, three of them posthumous, and 18 Shaurya Chakras, four posthumous, are among the 103 gallantry awards approved by President Droupadi Murmu to armed forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the eve of Independence Day.

Kirti Chakra was granted to Major Malla Rama Gopal Naidu from the Maratha Light Infantry and with 56 Rashtriya Rifles (RR), and posthumously to Colonel Manpreet Singh from the Sikh Light Infantry and with 19 RR in Jammu and Kashmir, Rifleman Ravi Kumar with Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry and with 63 RR and Humayun Muzammil Bhat, Deputy Superintendent, Jammu and Kashmir Police and with 19 RR.

Two Shaurya Chakras went to Navy personnel and two to Air Force personnel. Five of the 18 Shaurya Chakras were for CAPF personnel under the Home Ministry, two of which are posthumous.

The awards include 64 Sena Medals (Gallantry), including two posthumous; 11 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry); and six Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), a Defence Ministry statement said.

"The President has also approved 39 Mention-in-Despatches, including to Army dog Kent (posthumous) for their significant contributions in different military operations. The operations include Operation Rakshak, Operation Snow Leopard, Operation Sahayata, Operation Hifazat, Operation Orchid and Operation Katchal."

In addition, the President approved one President's Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service); one Tatrakshak Medal (Gallantry) and two Tatrakshak Medals (Meritorious Service) to the Indian Coast Guard personnel for exceptional bravery, devotion to duty and meritorious service demonstrated by the recipients.

'Raw courage'

On September 13, 2023, Col. Singh was heading a specific search and destroy operation in densely forested hills of a village in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir.

"As the terrorist hideout was identified, terrorists opened indiscriminate fire in a bid to escape. Col. Singh, unmindful of his own safety, returned fire towards the escaping terrorists, resulting in killing of one terrorist," the award citation reads. "Displaying extraordinary leadership, the officer quickly reorganised the party to plug the escape routes. He continued to direct fire on the terrorists. However, in the ensuing gunfight, Col. Singh sustained severe gunshot wound on the forehead."

"Col. Singh displayed raw courage and unparalleled leadership by leading from the front. His undaunting valour and quick decision making led to the elimination of one terrorist and preventing escape of other terrorists," the citation states, recommending him for the Kirti Chakra.

Major Naidu was the leader of an ambush party deployed along the Line of Control in Kupwara district on October 26, 2023 for intelligence-based counter infiltration operation when his scout spotted five terrorists. He immediately set up an ambush to trap the terrorists and during the ensuing exchange of fire, the officer rolled over under a volley of fire, pinned down the terrorist with fire, facilitating elimination of three terrorists, according to his citation.

For planning and executing clinical operation, displaying nerves of steel and utter disregard to own safety while saving lives of own troops, resolute leadership and eliminating two terrorists, Maj. Naidu has been recommended for Kirti Chakra, his citation reads.

Rifleman Ravi Kumar was awarded for his actions in an operation on September 12, 2023. He volunteered to be the leading Scout of Commanding Officer's Quick Reaction Team in hot pursuit of terrorists in Rajouri district. Their team was fired upon as they were trailing terrorists and he pushed aside his buddy towards safety, dived, took cover and retaliated fire.

"Despite sustaining a hit in the initial fire exchange, he continued to engage the two terrorists and grievously injured one... He was bleeding profusely, nevertheless, he refused to be evacuated and continued to pin down the terrorists to prevent their escape till he eventually lost consciousness. While being evacuated, he breathed his last," the citation read.

'PM made anti-Muslim remarks in 110 of his 173 election speeches'

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi "made Islamophobic remarks" in 110 out of the 173 speeches he delivered during the recent Lok Sabha election campaign, according to an analysis conducted by Human Rights Watch.

Violence against religious minorities has also continued since the election, said the HRW report released on Wednesday, pointing to the deaths of 12 Muslim men and a Christian woman in 28 reported attacks across the country.

The report, "India: Hate Speech Fueled Modi's Election Campaign", analysed all of Mr. Modi's speeches after the Model Code of Conduct was put in place for the parliamentary poll. The code forbids appealing to "communal feelings for securing votes".

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2024 electoral campaign frequently used hate speech against Muslims and other minorities," the global rights body said in a statement.

"The leadership of Modi's Hindu majoritarian Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) repeatedly made statements inciting discrimination, hostility, and violence against marginalised groups during his campaign to win his third consecutive term of office, which began on June 9."

The Islamophobic remarks in Mr. Modi's speeches were "apparently intended to undermine the political opposition, which he said only promoted Muslim rights, and to foster fear among the majority Hindu community through disinformation," the HRW said.

Haven't yet formed opinion on sub-categorisation of SC for quota: NCSC chairperson

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Kishor Makwana

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) has not yet formed an opinion on the Supreme Court's judgment allowing the States to sub-categorise Scheduled Castes (SCs) for quotas, NCSC Chairperson Kishor Makwana told *The Hindu* on Tuesday, a day after the panel met with a delegation of Scheduled Castes intellectuals over their opposition to sub-categorisation.

"We are just listening," Mr. Makwana, who took charge as Chairperson in March this year, said. He added that the Union government had not yet contacted the NCSC for its opinion on the judgment or on the issue of sub-categorisation specifically.

"We have pulled out a copy of the judgment and are discussing the pluses and minuses. This is not an ordinary issue," Mr. Makwana said, adding that the opinions of SC communities from across a wide spectrum had to be consolidated first to arrive at any conclusion.

The NCSC Chairperson said he had met with the delegation of SC intellectuals on Tuesday on a request made by them.

Members of this delegation, among them social media influencers, independent journalists, political workers, and lawyers, told *The Hindu* that there is a great deal of uncertainty over the Centre's "intent", now that the apex court had sanctioned sub-categorisation of SCs for quotas. Most members of this delegation of 17 opposed sub-categorisation.

"The commission is very clear about its role. It is to ensure that all rights given to Scheduled Castes are fully protected. Right now, the Commission has no view on it, no opinion on the judgment," Mr. Makwana said, amidst the uncertainty.

"There are political persons, field workers, activists, etc. All of them have different views on the issue. We must listen before anything can be done," he added.

Govind Mohan

Govind Mohan to be Union Home Secretary

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Wednesday approved the appointment of Culture Ministry Secretary Govind Mohan as the next Union Home Secretary.

The 1989-batch Indian Administrative Service official of Sikkim cadre has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Indian textile firms reboot operations in Bangladesh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Textile factories in Bangladesh owned by Indian firms have restarted operations, following the recent unrest in the country, even as the movement of trucks between the neighbouring countries has revived across the Petrapole border, a senior Commerce Ministry official said.

"There was a lot of disruption and uncertainty for a few days, but now these units have reopened," the official said.

The development assumes significance as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had flagged concerns about Indian firms' investments in the country last Saturday.

Following HC's order, CBI takes over probe into Kolkata doctor's murder

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

On the spot: CBI and other officials arrive at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata for investigation on Wednesday. PTI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday took over the investigation into the rape and murder of a doctor at Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital on the directions of Calcutta High Court.

The Kolkata Police on Wednesday handed over the custody of the accused Sanjoy Roy to the CBI after conducting a medical test; they also handed over documents and other evidence. A 25-member team, headed by an Additional Director-level official and including a Joint Director, is camping in Kolkata. Five CFSL experts and a team of medical experts from the AIIMS were also in the city. On Wednesday, the team inspected the scene of crime.

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday directed a CBI probe, pointing out that there has been no significant progress in the investigation, raising questions as to why the police had registered a case of unnatural death after a case of rape and murder.

The incident had occurred in the seminar hall on the third floor of the emergency building of the hospital where the doctor had gone for rest after being on duty for about 36 hours. The post-mortem and inquest of the victim had revealed sexual assault as well as several injuries on the body.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, while acknowledging that her government would provide all cooperation to the agency, said that the Opposition parties – CPI(M) and BJP – were indulging in politics over the incident, trying to remove her from power by organising a Bangladesh-like movement.

"A development has occurred in Bangladesh, they want to capture power in a similar manner. I do not cling to power," she said.

The Chief Minister's remarks were directed at the 'Reclaim the Night' march organised by several women's groups in Kolkata in protest against the horrifying rape and murder.

Rahul criticises 'attempts to save murder accused'; INDIA partner Trinamool hits back

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Rahul Gandhi

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that the entire country had been shocked by the gruesome rape and murder of a second-year postgraduate trainee doctor in Kolkata.

The Congress leader added that attempts to save the accused, instead of providing justice to the victim, raises serious questions on the conduct of the hospital and the local administration.

"The entire country has been shocked by the gruesome rape and murder of a junior doctor in Kolkata. The way the layers of the cruel and inhuman act against her are being revealed, there is an atmosphere of insecurity among the doctors' community and women," Mr. Gandhi said on X.

He said he stood with the victim's family as they went through "unbearable pain". The culprits should be given such a punishment that an example is set in society, he said.

The Congress and Trinamool Congress are part of Opposition INDIA bloc. Earlier, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra too had spoken about the incident. During the day, the West Bengal Pradesh Congress led by Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury held protests in Kolkata over the incident and met Governor C.V. Ananda Bose.

While the Congress leader did not name the Trinamool government, his remarks did not go well with the Trinamool leadership.

Trinamool leader Kunal Ghosh said that Mr. Gandhi should cross-check facts. "Before making such remarks, he should check and cross-check facts."

‘Congress is competent to fight polls on its own in Haryana’

While the party has a national alliance, it does not have any alliances at the State level, says former Chief Minister ahead of the upcoming Assembly election; he says he is satisfied with the party’s performance during the Lok Sabha election as the INDIA bloc vote share in Haryana was highest among all States; boosting employment will be top priority if Congress comes to power, he promises

INTERVIEW

Bhupinder Singh Hooda

Nistula Hebbar
Sandeep Phukan

After winning half of the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana in the Lok Sabha election, the Congress is hopeful of returning to power in the State in the upcoming Assembly election, expected later this year. Senior Congress leader and former State Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda says tackling unemployment and promoting the welfare of farmers would be his priorities if his party forms the government in the State. Edited excerpts:

The Congress has done well in the 2024 Lok Sabha election compared with the previous two elections, but many believed it could have done better. Are there any lessons to be learnt?

I am satisfied with our performance in the Lok Sabha election because the INDIA bloc vote share was the highest in Haryana among all other States – 47.62%.

The jump in the vote share was also the highest in the State, from around 28% to 47.62%, that is, a jump of 20%, and in each of the 90 Assembly constituencies in the State, the Congress’s vote share has gone up, and that of the BJP has declined.

In case the Congress comes to power in Haryana, what would be your top priority?

Tackling unemployment is to be our first priority as Haryana is at the top of the table of the bigger States with [respect to] unemployment rates. In the last 10 years, the BJP government in the State has ended two lakh permanent jobs, and through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited, only created contractual employment. We will restore the two lakh pucca jobs. Secondly, we are also looking at increasing employment opportunities.

When we left government, Haryana was number one in per capita income, per capita investment, law and order, and sports. Now we are

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number one in crime, price rise, low investment, and in lack of jobs. In 2004, too, when we came to power, we faced similar challenges, but our government was strict on law and order, and attracted investment, which is why 70% of Japan’s investment in India was in Haryana, a feat we will match if elected again.

Do you think the Congress should declare a chief ministerial face?

Everyone knows that there is a procedure in the party – where MLAs are elected, they are asked for their choice, and the party decides.

Factionalism has been a big problem for the Haryana Congress. Senior leaders, including Kiran Chaudhary and her daughter and former MP Shruti, quit to join the BJP.

Do you know how many have joined the (Congress) party? 42 ex-MLAs and MPs.

The BJP government in the State recently hiked the creamy layer ceiling for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from an annual income of ₹6 lakh to ₹8 lakh, and introduced a 5% quota for the OBC-B category in Panchayati Raj institutions and municipalities. It’s a very obvious move to make the election a Jats versus non-Jats binary. How will you counter this move?

There is no such binary. The creamy layer limit was ₹8 lakh during our time; the BJP reduced it to ₹6 lakh and now claim that they have done something new in raising it again to ₹8 lakh after six-seven years.

The BJP thought that by changing the CM, they can combat anti-incumbency, but people are clear that they will be changing the government itself in the polls.

The legal guarantee for minimum support price can be given only by the Centre. But will Congress consider some measure to make procurement price a legal right in Haryana?

Yes, only the Centre can declare MSP. But this time, the Opposition and (Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha) Rahul Gandhi are quite strong, and we will exert pressure on the Centre to make MSP a legal right. In the State, we will find ways to ensure that a farmer’s costs are reduced and his income increases. We will compensate by offering bonus to the farmers.

Will you extend your alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the Lok Sabha election to the Assembly election as well?

So far, there has been no talk in this regard. We have a national alliance but at the State level, we don’t have an alliance with any party. The Congress itself is very competent to fight the elections.

(Full interview at bit.ly/hooda)

Citing examples on how govt. ‘helped’ Adani Group, Cong. demands JPC probe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Stepping up its attack on the Narendra Modi government, the Congress on Wednesday reiterated its demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) investigation into the allegations against the Adani Group by citing two examples to argue how the government is helping the firm.

Taking to X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh cited a Power Ministry memorandum of August 12, amending the Guidelines of Import/Export of Electricity (Cross Border), 2018, that will help an Adani Group company. The company, which generates electricity from Jharkhand and was supplying power to Bangladesh, is now permitted to sell power in India itself, Mr. Ramesh alleged.

“Adani imports coal from Australia to generate power in Jharkhand and supply it to Bangladesh. Now the company has been permitted to sell that electricity in India itself,” Mr. Ramesh said.

Jairam Ramesh

In another post, Mr. Ramesh alleged that the Gujarat government was helping Adani Ports “secure a monopoly” on the State’s port sector. He said the government grants private ports a 30-year concession period on a build-own-operate-transfer basis, after which ownership gets transferred to the government.

Before the 2024 Lok Sabha election, he said, Adani Ports requested the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) to extend this concession period by another 45 years to 75 years in total. “This was much beyond the maximum permissible period of 50 years, but the GMB hastened to request the Gujarat government to do so anyway,” he alleged. He said the GMB recommended that the Gujarat government protect its revenue interests after the passage of the 30-year concession by inviting bids. “It appears that the tempo-wallah forced a change in the GMB Board’s decision – which was revised to recommend the extension of the concession period for Adani, without inviting new bids or renegotiating the terms,” he alleged.

“Here are at least two serious consequences of this daylight robbery – Adani Ports will secure a monopoly on Gujarat’s port sector, harming market competition, and driving up prices for the common man. Adani Ports will see its valuation rise and borrowing costs fall. By failing to open up the process to a renegotiation or competitive bidding, the government of Gujarat will lose crores of rupees in revenues,” Mr. Ramesh said.

SC refuses to restrict States’ power to tax mines only prospectively

The Bench rules that the prospective application of the July 25 judgment will run the risk of invalidating many of the laws passed by the States; it says the payment of retrospective tax for the period needs to be made only in instalments

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday declined pleas by assessees, including public sector undertakings, to restrict its July 25 majority judgment which upheld the States’ power to tax mines and minerals rights, to have only prospective effect.

The majority on the nine-judge Bench, with the exception of Justice B.V. Nagarathna, who had originally given a dissenting opinion, held that the prospective application of the July 25 judgment would run the risk of invalidating many State laws.

“The power to levy tax is an incidence of sovereignty. If we are to give a prospective application to the judgment, it would result in a situation where the legislation enacted by the States in pursuance of their plenary powers may conceivably be invalidated... This would not be a constitutionally just outcome,” the Supreme Court reasoned.

SC declared that States could levy tax on mines and mineral rights from April 1, 2005.

However, the Bench introduced conditionalities for the retrospective levy of tax by the States. The court declared that States could levy tax on mines and mineral rights from April 1, 2005. Demands of tax would not operate for transactions prior to this cut-off date.

“The total amount, that is the principal plus the interest, due by the assessees in the pending matters may be substantial in comparison to their total net worth. The Steel Authority of India has stated on affidavit that retrospective application of the July 25 judgment will lead to revival of cumulative demands to the tune of approximately ₹3,000 crore from different States,” the court observed. Again, the payment of retrospective tax for the period between April 2005-July 2024 needs to be paid only in instalments staggered across 12 years, commencing from April 1, 2026.

“It is the prerogative of the State legislatures to determine whether to forego the dues for the period before July 25, 2024,” it observed.

India to host third Voice of Global South virtual meet

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India will host the third Voice of Global South Summit in the virtual format on August 17 with a view to pitch for a sustainable future for developing countries.

The summit is expected to act as a platform to expand discussions held in the previous meets on a range of complex challenges such as conflicts, food and energy security crises, and climate change – all of which affect the Global South.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that the theme of the summit will be “An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future”.

“At the summit, the countries would continue deliberations on challenges, priorities, and solutions for the Global South, particularly in the developmental domain,” the MEA said in a statement.

SC refuses interim bail for Kejriwal in case filed by CBI

Delhi CM describes CBI action as an ‘insurance arrest’; says he was on the cusp of release

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday argued in the Supreme Court that his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the excise policy case while he was on the “cusp of release” on money laundering charges was an “insurance arrest” designed to keep him behind bars.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan agreed to examine Mr. Kejriwal’s plea to quash the CBI arrest but refused to grant him interim bail for now.

The court issued notice to the CBI and sought its response. The case was listed for hearing on August 23.

‘No cause of action’

“This particular arrest is what might be called an insurance arrest. He (Kejriwal) was investigated and interrogated in April 2023. The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) arrests me in March 2024. I get multiple orders of release in the ED case. I am on the cusp of release when the CBI arrests me. The CBI could not find any cause of action between April 2023 and March 2024...” senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for Mr. Kejriwal, argued.

Mr. Singhvi said Mr. Kejriwal had health issues and urged for interim bail. “We are not granting any interim bail,” Justice Kant said.

Earlier on August 5, the Delhi High Court had confirmed the legality of Mr. Kejriwal’s arrest by the CBI. Refusing to quash his arrest, the High Court had advised him to approach the trial court for bail.

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INBRIEF

U.S. Consul-General meets Maharashtra Governor

The Consul-General of the U.S. in Mumbai, Mike Hankey, met with Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday to discuss various aspects of the India-U.S. relationship. The meeting focused on enhancing economic and political cooperation, boosting trade and investment, fostering academic collaboration with American universities, and advancing skill development initiatives. In a gesture of cultural connection, Mr. Hankey began his conversation with the Governor in Tamil, reflecting on his time in Tamil Nadu three decades ago as part of a student exchange programme. The meeting was also attended by key U.S. Consulate officials, including Political-Economic Chief Richa Bhala.

BJP leader shot dead in Patna; search on for two assailants

Ajay Kumar, former general secretary of the Patna district unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), was shot dead by two motorbike-borne unidentified assailants in Patna on Tuesday night. The police have launched a hunt for the accused. The shooting took place around 10 p.m. when Mr. Kumar was sitting at a milk parlour near his house in the the Alamganj police station limits. The motive for the murder is yet to be ascertained. "Investigation is going on. The CCTV footage of the area is being checked. We are also in touch with the family members of the victim," Superintendent of Police, Patna East, Bharat Soni said.

Acting ED Director appointed full-time chief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Navin, the Acting Enforcement Director (ED), was on Wednesday appointed the agency's new Director for a period of two years.

The 1993-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) official had been given the additional charge as ED Director in September last year on completion of the tenure of his predecessor Sanjay Kumar Mishra. He joined the agency as a Special Director in November 2019.

Under Mr. Navin, the agency has been investigating a large number of sensitive cases of financial fraud and corruption under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the Foreign Exchange Management Act violations.

Two of the prominent ones are the excise policy case allegedly involving Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and others; and the alleged land scam case against Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

Mr. Soren was arrested by the ED on January 31. He resigned from the post immediately after that. The Jharkhand High Court granted him bail in June. The ED arrested Mr. Kejriwal in March and he is currently in judicial custody.

UGC launches new system for online, open admissions

Candidates shall register on the UGC's Distance Education Bureau website with Academic Bank of Credit ID to generate a unique DEB ID

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The University Grants Commission has introduced a new enrolment procedure for students seeking admission to open and distance learning (ODL) and online programmes from the academic year 2024-25.

The UGC on Wednesday said the change, effective from September, aimed to ensure that students enrol only in approved higher education institutions to join these programmes. UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar said the new system would be applicable to all UGC-approved online courses and would enhance transparency of admissions.

By the new guidelines, any student who intends to enrol in these programmes shall register on the UGC's Distance Education Bureau (DEB) website with the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) ID to generate a unique DEB ID. The unique ID is for standardising the admission procedure for students enrolling in ODL and online mode and safeguarding their academic and career prospects.

The new system, effective from September, will be applicable to all UGC-approved online courses. NAGARA GOPAL

The UGC has informed all accredited institutions and other stakeholders that the creation of the DEB-ID shall be required for every student (except foreign learners) willing to enrol in ODL and online programmes in recognised and entitled institutions from the academic session beginning in September. "The DEB ID once generated on the UGC-DEB web portal will remain valid for lifelong ODL and online learning," a UGC official said.

"The UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 set the minimum standards for such programmes, and a list of recognised institutions is available on the UGC Distance Education Bureau website. Recent issues with unrecognised institutions admitting students highlighted the need for this standardised procedure. To safeguard student interests, the UGC has developed a mechanism requiring students to register on the UGC-DEB web portal and create a unique DEB-ID using their Academic Bank of Credit ID," Professor Kumar said.

Phase 3 clinical trial opens for indigenous dengue vaccine

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The first participant was vaccinated on Wednesday at the Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma PG Institute in Rohtak

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Panacea Biotec Ltd. on Wednesday announced the initiation of the first Phase 3 clinical trial for a dengue vaccine in India.

The trial will evaluate the efficacy of India's indigenous tetravalent dengue vaccine, DengiAll, developed by Panacea Biotec. The first participant in this trial was vaccinated on Wednesday at the Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak.

The tetravalent dengue vaccine strain (TV003/TV005), originally developed by the National Institutes of Health, U.S., has shown promising results in preclinical and clinical trials worldwide.

Panacea Biotec, one of three Indian companies to receive the strain, is at the most advanced stage of developing the vaccine. The company has worked extensively on these strains to develop a full-fledged vaccine formulation and holds a process patent for this work. Phases 1 and 2 in the clinical trials of the Indian vaccine formulation were completed in 2018-19 and yielded promising results, a release issued by the Health Ministry said.

In collaboration with the ICMR, Panacea Biotec will conduct the Phase 3 clinical trial across 19 sites in 18 States and Union Territories, involving more than 10,335 healthy adult participants.

The trial, primarily funded by the ICMR with partial support from Panacea Biotec, is set to follow up with the participants for two years.

"The initiation of this phase 3 clinical trial for India's first indigenous dengue vaccine marks a critical advancement in our fight against dengue. It reflects our commitment to protecting citizens from this pervasive disease and underscores India's capabilities in vaccine research and development. Through this collaboration between ICMR and Panacea Biotec, we are not only taking a step towards ensuring the health and well-being of our people but also reinforcing our vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat in the healthcare sector," Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda said.

Three more Ramsar wetland sites now in India, taking total to 85

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Environment Ministry on Wednesday said three more wetlands in India had been designated Ramsar sites. This brings the total number of such sites in India to 85. The new sites are the Nanjarayan and Kazhuveli bird sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu and the Tawa reservoir in Madhya Pradesh.

"As the nation gears up to celebrate its Independence Day, thrilled to share that we have added three Ramsar sites to our network. This takes our tally to 85 Ramsar sites, covering an area of 13,58,068 hectares in India," Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav posted on the social media platform X.

On safe territory: Ruddy Sheldducks at the Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India is one of the "contracting parties" to the Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. It became a signatory in 1982. From 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 sites were added to the list of Ramsar sites in the country. From 2014 to 2024, the country has added 59 wetlands to the list. Currently, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites (18), followed by Uttar Pradesh (10).

India's Ramsar wetlands make up around 10% of the total wetland area in the country across 18 States. No other South Asian country has as many sites though this has much to do with India's geographical breadth and tropical diversity.

The United Kingdom (175) and Mexico (142) – smaller countries than India – have the most Ramsar sites, whereas Bolivia spans the largest area, with 1,48,000 sq. km under the convention's protection.

Being designated a Ramsar site does not necessarily invite extra international funds, but the Centre and States must ensure these tracts of land are conserved and saved from man-made encroachment. Acquiring this label also helps with a locale's tourism potential and its international visibility.

To be a Ramsar site, a wetland must meet at least one of the nine criteria defined by the Ramsar Convention such as supporting vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological communities; regularly supporting 20,000 or more waterbirds; or is an important source of food for fish, spawning ground, nursery and/or migration path on which fish stocks are dependent upon.

Corner office still eluding a large number of women: Ministry report

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The number of women-led start-ups, however, rose from 1,528 in 2017 to 17,001 in 2023

The representation of women in corporate decision-making roles remains inadequate with only 34,879 women holding senior management positions in 2023 as against 1,86,946 men, says the report "Women and men in India, 2023" by the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry. A total of 7,62,712 women were on the Boards of Directors as against 19,75,487 men, it adds.

In other managerial positions in corporate firms, there were 7,38,949 women as against 18,60,348 men, the data sourced from the Corporate Affairs Ministry for the report show.

Though the number of women in senior management positions has increased from 23,685 in 2017 to 34,879 in 2023, the corresponding increase for men from 1,50,387 to 18,69,46 has been higher.

While senior management positions include CEO, CFO, Company Secretary, Managing Director, Manager and Whole-time Director, the middle management positions include Additional Director, Alternative Director, Director, Nominee Director, and Director.

There was better news as far as women entrepreneurs were concerned, with the number of women-led start-ups seeing an increase from 1,528 in 2017 to 17,001 in 2023. The total number of women-led start-ups (those having at least one woman director) recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) since inception till December 2023 is 55,816 which constitutes 47.6% of the total start-ups.

"Women-owned business enterprises are playing a prominent role in society by generating employment opportunities in the country, bringing in demographic shifts and inspiring the next generation of women founders. With a vision to promote the sustainable," the report says.

However, in the judiciary, the proportion of women in the High Courts was only 14% and in the Supreme Court just around 9%.

"Such a small representation of women in judicial decision-making process of the country forces us to think about the need to bring about institutional, social and behavioural change by sensitising India's population on inclusion of women in every sector," it says.

The report flagged the need for having more women in leadership positions to address the shortfall in decision-making positions.

"The impact of having more women in leadership positions cannot be overstated. Women leaders often champion issues such as healthcare, education, and social welfare, which have a direct impact on the lives of women, their families, and communities. Thus, increasing women's representation in politics can lead to more equitable and responsive governance."

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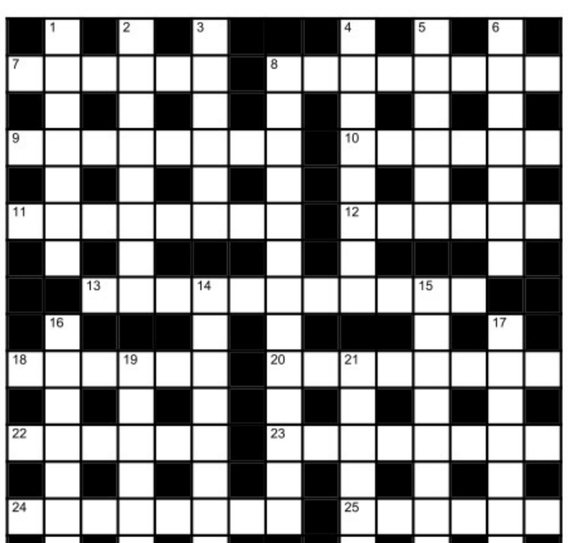

Across

7 Speed calling (6)
8 Bosom friend picked up exclusive new team (8)
9 Avoid speed, it's dangerous (8)
10 Regime ill-treated refugee (6)
11 Capitalism is no meritocracy to accommodate an inappropriate title (8)
12 Empty old well (6)
13 Hero's play, 'The Fool' (5,6)
18 Gold door in the front? Sweet! (6)
20 Funny, that urge hits regularly to one who is spontaneous (8)
22 Cool material without creases basically (6)
23 Admitting a new girl around 4th of April (8)
24 Cabinet without a responsible Democrat, Republican or better educated leaders (8)
25 Bury letters from belligerent ombudsman (6)

Down

1 Country engulfed by tsunami biannually (7)
2 In this place rough teen is getting hammered! Not good (8)
3 For the time being, kismet or providence has turned around (3,3)
4 Moral police is destroying group, see! (8)
5 Devilish wife left one weak (6)
6 Unproductive set freaking out Harry (7)
8 Puts a treasure in a maze, to increase concentration (13)
14 Small rectangular shaped area, right over military unit (8)
15 Cook sea tuna with applesauce - last bit can turn one's stomach (8)
16 "Herb, settle grievance!" instructs Spooner (3,4)
17 Call yours truly for sound of speech? (7)
19 Make unintelligible sentence in Arabic to friend, use letters from the right (6)
21 Overheard, flings are pains (6)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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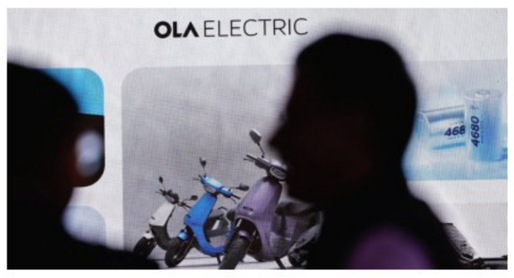
FAITH

Murugan, the merciful One

Kumaraguruparar in his Kandar Kali Venba gives the basic tenets of Saiva Siddhanta, said T. Rajarathinam in a discourse. Jivatmas are classified as *sakalar*, *pralayakalar* and *vijnanakalar*. Saiva Siddhanta describes three *malams* (impurities). They are *anavam* (ego) *kanmam* (karma) and *maayai* (illusion). *Sakalar* are those who have all three malams. *Pralayakalars* have *kanmam* and *maayai*. *Vijnanakalars* have only one malam - *anavam*. Kumaraguruparar says only one who has conquered the ideas of "me" and "mine" reaches the feet of Lord Siva. He says the Sastras (philosophical studies) are for Siva, but the stotras (praises) are for Murugan.

Lord Murugan has six faces. Lord Siva, in ancient times manifested six faces too, although only five of His faces are usually described. The five faces generally spoken about are Isana, Sadyojata, Vamadeva, Aghora and Tatpurusha. Isana is the face that is turned upwards. Sadyojata represents the western direction, Vamadeva the north, Aghora the south and Tatpurusha the east. The sixth face is Adho mukha, which faces downward, and is evident to jnanis. Murugan has all six faces of Lord Siva. This six-faced, 12-armed Murugan went to war against Soorapadman. But He is also merciful. Saiva Siddhanta talks about *pasu* (jivatma), *pati* (Lord Siva) and *paasam* (worldly bondage).

INBRIEF



Ola Electric Mobility revenue rises 34% to ₹1,718 crore

Ola Electric on Wednesday said its revenue grew by 34.32% to ₹1,718 crore for the June quarter from ₹1,279 crore in the year-earlier period. In a regulatory filing, the company said its net loss for the June quarter widened to ₹347 crore from ₹267 crore a year earlier. The quarter witnessed the highest ever deliveries of vehicles by the company at 1,25,198 units, up from 70,575 units delivered in the same period last year, the company said in a statement.

Tata Power to develop two hydro projects in Maharashtra

Tata Power and the Maharashtra Government have signed an MoU to develop two large pumped hydro storage projects (PSP) with a combined capacity of 2,800 MW. These projects, with an estimated investment of approximately ₹13,000 crore will be located at Shirawta in Pune (1,800 MW) and Bhivpuri in Raigad (1,000 MW). The collaboration is poised to drive the State towards its ambitious goal of becoming a $1 trillion economy by 2028, Tata Power said.

SpiceJet first-quarter profit contracts 27% to ₹149 crore

SpiceJet reported a 27% decline in Q1 profit to ₹149 core down from ₹204 crore in the year earlier period. The airline said it had initiated the process of raising ₹3,000 crore through Qualified Institutional Placement, which is expected to be completed by September end. "This fresh infusion of funds will be pivotal in enabling the airline to expand and unground its fleet, enhance operational capabilities, settle liabilities and improve overall market competitiveness," it said.

Exports slip to 8-month low in July, deficit widens 23.7%

Decline in exports led by petro products whose outbound shipment value slumped 22.2% to $5.2 billion; import bill spike aided by 17.4% rise in oil imports that hit $13.8 billion

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Breaking a three-month streak of positive growth, India's goods exports contracted 1.5% in July to $33.98 billion, the lowest in eight months, even as the import bill rose 7.5% to $57.5 billion, widening the trade deficit by a sharp 23.7% in the month to $23.5 billion.

Sequentially, exports dropped 3.5% from June, while imports grew 2.3%, leading to an almost 12% spike in the merchandise trade deficit over the previous month's $21 billion gap. While the decline in exports was led by petroleum products, whose outbound shipments' value slumped 22.2% from last July to $5.2 billion, the import bill spike was aided by a 17.4% rise in oil imports that hit $13.8 billion, thanks partly to higher prices.

Clash of metals: Gold imports fell 10.7% to $3.13 billion, but silver imports increased over 439% to nearly $650 million. PTI

Gold imports fell 10.7% to $3.13 billion, but silver imports continued to raise eyebrows, rising over 439% to nearly $650 million. Higher imports of 'non-oil, non-gold' items also continued to fuel the trade deficit with consumer goods like electronics growing 11.5%.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal exuded confidence that India will surpass last year's record export tally of about $778 billion in 2024-25.

Veggie prices cool wholesale food inflation, yet little respite on most items

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The inflation in wholesale prices moderated from a 16-month high of 3.4% in June to 2.04% in July, with the rise in food prices cooling to 3.55% from 8.7% a month earlier. However, month-on-month gains in food prices accelerated to 2.7% from 2.1% in June, the highest pace in at least six months.

The decline in price rise in the food index in July was driven by vegetables whose prices fell 8.9% year-on-year from a 39% spike in June, but this was on account of base effects as vegetable prices had risen 67.6% in July 2023, when overall wholesale prices had clocked a deflation of -1.23%.

Moreover, apart from eggs, meat and fish, whose prices fell 1.6% from last July, there was no respite seen in most other food items' price rise levels. Onion and potato prices rose a whopping 88.8% and 76.2%, respectively, while pulses were 20.3% pricier on top of a 9.6% rise reported last July.

Fruits were 15.6% costlier compared with a 10% decline last July. Cereals, paddy and wheat prices were up 9%, 11% and 7%, respectively, on top of similar price gains in the same month last year.

Overall prices rose 0.84% in July compared with June levels, marking the sharpest sequential uptick since April.

'Review of year-old IT hardware import policy soon'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India will soon review its almost-year old 'import management system' for IT hardware like computers and servers, which introduced import restrictions despite a sharp backlash. This is keeping in mind the interests of India's booming IT services exports, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal told *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

"This is basically an import management system and we have spent some time with it and seen what has happened," Mr. Barthwal said, adding the government will take a call before the September 30 sunset date for the system.

He emphasised, India's IT sector requires components that must be imported to be "more productive, efficient and competitive". "Many imports are such that if you stop them, it will not only impact domestic consumption and efficiency, but also impact exports," he noted.

'India, UAE reviewing precious metals trade under CEPA'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

IndiA, UAE have begun review of value-addition and rules of origin norms for such imports

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have begun parleys to review provisions of their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on concessional import duties for precious metals flowing into India, due to a surge in such imports from Dubai.

A senior Commerce Ministry official said, talks have begun with UAE counterparts to review the value-addition and rules of origin norms for such imports under CEPA.

The move to slash import duties on gold and silver was aimed at helping the gems and jewellery sector, rather than curb duty arbitrage gains under CEPA used to scale up such imports from the UAE.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	79,106	0.19
US Dollar	83.94	0.03
Gold	73,150	0.41
Brent oil	80.37	-0.66

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3040.10	-52.10
Adani Ports	1461.95	-21.50
Apollo Hosp	6515.85	-73.55
Asian Paints	3025.85	2.30
Axis Bank	1153.10	-6.50
Bajaj Auto	9749.60	78.00
Bajaj Finserv	1529.15	-14.20
Bajaj Finance	6458.50	-6.55
Bharti Airtel	1471.70	12.00
BPCL	325.05	3.35
Britannia Ind	5659.15	-7.35
Cipla	1563.80	-19.65
Coal India	504.70	-17.05
Divis Lab	4662.00	-199.80
Dr Reddys Lab	6801.05	-147.35
Eicher Motors	4733.25	-69.00
Grasim Ind	2512.40	-6.85
HCL Tech	1626.15	33.50
HDFC Bank	1607.80	4.60
HDFC Life	686.35	1.35
Hero MotoCorp	5072.45	-173.05
Hindalco	621.45	0.05
Hind Unilever	2722.05	-19.35
ICICI Bank	1161.65	-6.70
IndusInd Bank	1338.10	-12.50
Infosys	1823.25	25.80
ITC	492.20	2.20
JSW Steel	890.30	-17.55
Kotak Bank	1747.90	-4.15
L&T	3545.20	-6.60
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5427.55	42.65
M&M	2745.25	27.20
Maurti Suzuki	12205.65	29.40
NestleIndia	2474.60	-10.10
NTPC	396.35	0.15
ONGC	328.15	-7.75
PowerGrid Corp	333.50	-3.45
Reliance Ind	2923.70	-3.55
SBI Life	1692.10	9.70
State Bank	803.00	5.45
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2895.10	3.75
Sun Pharma	1741.65	1.55
TataConsumerProduct	1167.55	-11.25
Tata Motors	1062.35	8.90
Tata Steel	146.17	-2.71
TCS	4295.25	98.30
Tech Mahindra	1524.40	21.00
Titan	3402.15	18.60
UltraTech Cement	11002.60	-268.60
Wipro	495.15	4.65

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 14

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.75	84.07
Euro	92.32	92.67
British Pound	107.58	107.99
Japanese Yen (100)	56.99	57.21
Chinese Yuan	11.73	11.78
Swiss Franc	97.06	97.44
Singapore Dollar	63.67	63.92
Canadian Dollar	61.10	61.33
Malaysian Ringitt	18.93	19.03
Australian Dollar	55.49	55.70

Source:Indian Bank

EID Parry Q1 net down 30% to ₹226 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

EID Parry India Ltd., reported consolidated net profit for Q1 FY25 declined by 30% over the year earlier period to ₹226 crore.

Revenue from operations declined by 4% to ₹6,747 crore, the firm said in a statement.

Segment wise, nutrient and allied business posted revenue of ₹4,214 crore, followed by crop protection ₹552 crore, sugar ₹1,623 crore, distillery ₹263 crore, consumer products ₹216 crore and nutraceuticals ₹59 crore.

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The consumer products group revenue rose on unveiling branded staples products. The branded sweetener range grew 22% over the previous year. Distillery segment revenues grew after the commissioning of 120 kilo litres per day distillery at Haliyal, Karnataka at a cost of ₹167 crore.

Loss in sugar segment was due to lower cane volumes, higher cost, lower recovery and change in product mix due to government's policy changes, the company said.

Interest equalisation, RoDTEP export sops to be back soon

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry is pushing to restore the Interest Equalisation scheme, which is available for small businesses, till August 31, for all exporters soon, and ensure that duty remission benefits granted to exporters, under a 2021 scheme called RoDTEP, are extended beyond September, top officials said.

Scheme lapses in June

The Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) that offered a rebate on pre- and post-shipment credit availed by exporters, had lapsed in June, and was restricted to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMES) for two months since then.

"There are schemes which are in different stages, some are coming to an end like the Interest Equalisation Scheme so renewal has to take place," Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said in response to a query from *The Hindu*.

"So those discussions are on with the Expenditure Department," Mr. Barthwal added.

"As far as Interest Equalisation scheme is concerned, there is a proposal to extend it to all exporters which is under consideration, and we are hopeful it should come through in the next one month or so," another official said.

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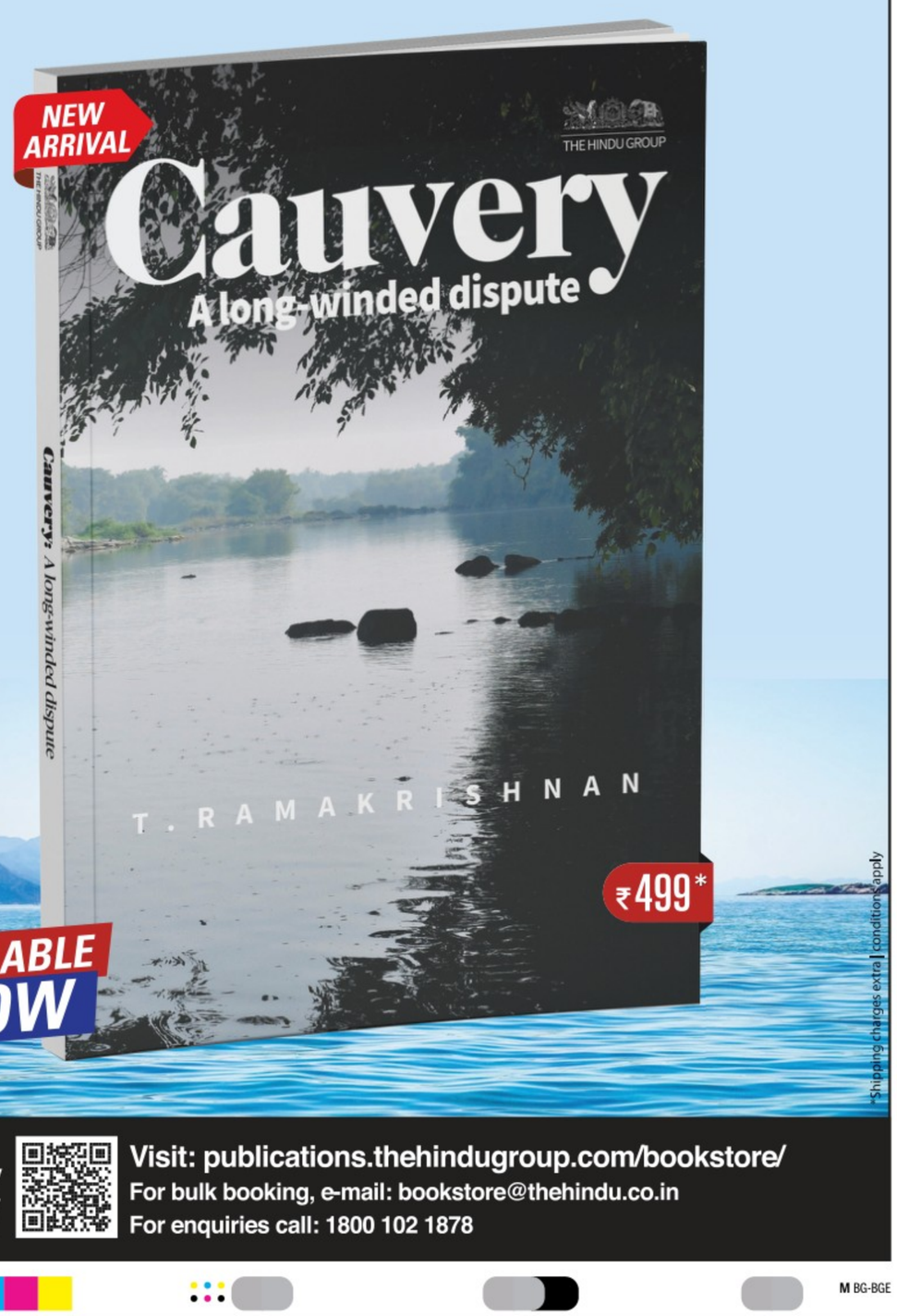
RESOLVING A VEXATIOUS ISSUE

Finding a solution to the vexatious Cauvery dispute has been a challenge to even the collective wisdom of veteran politicians, seasoned policy makers, experts and farmers. It even tested the strength of India's federal structure at times. After bickering among riparian constituents of the Cauvery basin for over a century and exhausting all avenues, judiciary, finally, had to do the task of apportioning the quantum of water for each riparian party. This book gives an account of how the dispute evolved over the years, especially after the 1924 Agreement between Madras Presidency and the Princely State of Mysore. It also drives home the point that the last word has not yet been said on the issue. Apart from the subject of water sharing, the work discusses challenges facing the river on various fronts, including environment.



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Amrutanjan Health Care eyes ₹1,000 cr. revenue by FY28

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Amrutanjan Health Care Ltd. said its core focus was to achieve revenue of ₹1,000 crore by FY28 driven by significant consumer trends.

"We are well-positioned to achieve our vision of ₹1,000 crore, driven by significant consumer trends. These include the high incidence of headaches among the youth, and an ageing population relying on our body pain relief solutions," Chairman and MD S. Sambhu Prasad said during an interaction. In FY24, the leader in pain management, recorded gross revenue of ₹471 crore, with a growth of 11% driven by three key brands: Amrutanjan, Comfy, and Electro+. As per the proposed plan, the company's strategic focus will be on expanding its core categories such as pain management, women's hygiene, and rehydration.

S. Sambhu Prasad

"We recognise the immense potential within these categories, especially in a country as diverse as ours, where varying income levels and lifestyles create a wide range of consumer needs," he said.

According to him, the growing awareness of rehydration electrolyte drinks and the low penetration of sanitary pads presented substantial growth opportunities.

To accelerate growth, the company would also explore inorganic growth opportunities in its core sectors, he said.

"By investing in our brands and leveraging consumer insights, we seek to not only enhance market penetration but also to develop new markets," Mr. Prasad said.

SC stays NCLAT order settling Byju's BCCI dues

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed a National Company Law Appellate Tribunal decision, which had allowed debt-ridden ed-tech firm Byju's to pay a settlement of ₹158 crore to the Board of Control for Cricket in India toward advertisement dues.

The order by a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud followed an appeal filed by the U.S.-based lender Glas Trust Company LLC. Glas Trust said, as a major creditor, it should have priority in repayments of its ₹8,500 crore claim over Byju's.

KABUL

Military parade, speeches mark third year of Taliban's Kabul return

AP

Afghanistan's Taliban regime celebrated three years in power with a military parade paying homage to their homemade bombs used in war, fighter aircraft and goose-stepping security forces. The event took place at the former U.S. air base in Bagram, with Chinese and Iranian envoys attending the speeches. AFP

YANGON

Myanmar junta chief, China Foreign Minister discuss 'stability'

AFP

Myanmar's embattled junta chief Min Aung Hlaing and China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Wednesday discussed security along their shared border, where ethnic minority armed groups have captured territory from the Myanmar military in recent weeks. China is a major ally and supplier of arms to the junta. AFP

GENEVA

WHO declares monkey pox a global public health emergency

REUTERS

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Wednesday declared the monkey pox surge in Africa a global public health emergency. "Today, the emergency committee met and advised me that in its view, the situation constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. I have accepted that advice," he said. AFP.

COLOMBEY-LES-BELLES

Two French pilots missing after Rafale fighter jets collide mid-air

AFP

Two French Rafale jets collided in midair Wednesday in a rare accident involving the cutting-edge military aircraft and authorities launched a desperate search for two crew. One pilot ejected following the crash over northeastern France, but an instructor and a student pilot on the second jet were missing. AFP

No time to waste on Gaza ceasefire, says U.S. envoy

The diplomat's Lebanon visit comes a day before truce talks are to resume between Hamas, Israel; officials scrambling to avert an all-out war since Iran, Hezbollah vowed revenge for recent killings

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

Visiting U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein warned on Wednesday the clock was ticking for a Gaza ceasefire that could also help end 10 months of cross-border exchanges between Lebanon's Hezbollah and Israel.

His Lebanon trip comes a day before ceasefire negotiations between Hamas and Israel are set to resume, with top diplomats scrambling to avert all-out war after Iran and Hezbollah vowed revenge for recent high-profile killings.

Mr. Hochstein told a Beirut news conference that he and parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, a Hezbollah ally, discussed "the framework agreement that's on the table for a Gaza ceasefire, and he and I agreed there is no more time to waste and there's no more valid excuses from any party for any further delay".

Pacification bid: Amos Hochstein meets Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati in Beirut on Wednesday. REUTERS

"The deal would also help enable a diplomatic resolution here in Lebanon and that would prevent an outbreak of a wider war," Mr. Hochstein said.

"We have to take advantage of this window for diplomatic action and diplomatic solutions. That time is now."

Late last month, an Israeli strike killed top Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut's southern suburbs, a stronghold of the group, just hours before Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh was killed in Tehran in an attack blamed on Israel.

The U.S. envoy also met Prime Minister Najib Mikati, who warned in a statement that "Israeli intransigence is threatening efforts to stop the war".

Thai PM's dismissal could stall BIMSTEC meet, Modi's plans to travel to Bangkok

NEWS ANALYSIS

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The decision of Thailand's Supreme Court to dismiss Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin from his post on Wednesday cast a shadow over the BIMSTEC Summit to be held in Bangkok next month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is due to travel to Bangkok for the Summit of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) of seven regional countries on September 4, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Escalating violence in Myanmar, the dramatic ouster of Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on August 5, and upcoming presidential elections in Sri Lanka on September 21 had already raised questions over high-level participation in the summit. With Muhammad Yunus sworn in as the chief of the interim government in Dhaka, many have also speculated that Mr. Modi would forge ties with the new Bangladeshi regime that would attend the BIMSTEC summit.

With the host country's PM dismissed, all eyes will be on how soon the ruling coalition in the Thai Parliament will replace the "caretaker cabinet" with a newly selected Prime Minister, and whether the BIMSTEC summit would need to be put off.

Srettha Thavisin

Officials said it was too early to know about BIMSTEC as the development in the Thai court was "totally unexpected".

The uncertainty could also affect Mr. Modi's plans to visit Singapore on his return journey, where officials confirmed to *The Hindu*, he is due to stop over for a bilateral meeting with Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong on September 5. Ahead of the visit, the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) "3+3" talks, involving Foreign, Finance and Trade Ministers of both countries, are scheduled in Delhi on August 25.

According to sources, the ISMR meeting has been delayed since the talks were last held in 2022, due to difficulties in matching the schedules of all six Ministers. While India has "2+2" format talks with the U.S., Russia, Japan, Australia and U.K., Singapore is the only country with which it holds "3+3" discussions.

The BIMSTEC and Singapore meetings are part of a number of initiatives involving India's "Act East" policy in the next few weeks. In his third tenure in office, Mr. Modi has already hosted Ms. Hasina in June and Vietnam PM Pham Minh Chinh in July, and will host Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim on August 19. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will also host their Japanese counterparts for the "2+2" meeting in Delhi on August 20.

The agenda for the BIMSTEC Summit was discussed when Foreign Ministers of the regional grouping met in Delhi on July 11-12 for a retreat hosted by Mr. Jaishankar.

On August 7, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal also addressed a BIMSTEC economic meeting, pushing for the removal of tariff and non-tariff barriers, trade facilitation, and negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) among BIMSTEC countries, all of which are expected to be discussed during the summit.

Court order forces Thai PM Srettha out of office

Associated Press
BANGKOK

A court in Thailand on Wednesday removed Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin from office over an ethical violation, further shaking up Thai politics after it ordered the dissolution of the main opposition party a week ago.

The Constitutional Court ruled on a case involving Mr. Srettha's appointment of a Cabinet member who had been jailed in connection with an alleged attempt to bribe a court official.

The court voted 5-4 against Mr. Srettha.

The Cabinet will remain in place on a caretaker basis until parliament approves a new Prime Minister. A vote was scheduled by Parliament on Friday, but it has no time limit for filling the position. The caretaker Cabinet could also dissolve Parliament and call a new election.

Fumio Kishida

Kishida will not seek another term as Japan PM

Associated Press
TOKYO

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, in a surprise move on Wednesday, announced he will not run in the upcoming party leadership vote in September, paving the way for Japan to have a new Prime Minister.

Mr. Kishida was elected President of his governing Liberal Democratic Party in 2021 and his three-year term expires in September. Whoever wins the party vote will succeed him as Prime Minister because the LDP controls both houses of parliament. A new face is a chance for the party to show that it is changing for the better.

"In order to show a changing LDP, the most obvious first step is for me to bow out," Mr. Kishida said on Wednesday.

Stung by his party's corruption scandals, Mr. Kishida has suffered dwindling support ratings.

Speculation on potential candidates has landed on-party Secretary-General Toshimitsu Motegi, Digital Minister Taro Kono, Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi and Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa.

Ukraine presses on with Russia incursion, takes new prisoners

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukrainian forces pushed on with their major cross-border incursion into Russia's Kursk region for a second week on Wednesday, claiming to have taken more ground, captured more Russian prisoners and destroyed a jet bomber while launching what officials said was a massive attack on Russian military airfields.

1-2 km advanced

Since the start of the day, assault troops had advanced 1-2 km in some parts of Kursk, the commander of the Ukrainian military, Oleksandr Syrskyi, said.

Also, Ukrainian troops on Wednesday took more than 100 Russian soldiers prisoner. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said they would be used to swap for Ukrainian POWs.

The surprise Ukrainian charge onto Russian soil that began on August 6 has rattled the Kremlin.

'Hasina's remarks made from India not conducive for ties'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The former PM had called for justice for the destruction of the memorial of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Dhaka

A day after deposed Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon her country to deliver justice for the recent killings and vandalisation of the memorial for her late father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the new Bangladesh government's Adviser of Foreign Affairs Touhid Hossein met Indian envoy Pranay Verma and warned that such statements "emanating from India" was not "conducive" for India-Bangladesh relations.

Mr. Hossein also raised concerns about border killings, reiterated Bangladesh's demand for an early conclusion of the Teesta river waters agreement and promised that minority communities in Bangladesh would be safe.

"Hon'ble Adviser for Foreign Affairs also mentioned about highly exaggerated media campaign about happenings in Bangladesh. About former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent statements, he mentioned that such statements emanating from India is not conducive to fostering better bilateral relations," said a statement issued by the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Critical comments

Ms. Hasina, who took refuge in India on August 5, had issued a statement through her U.S.-based son Sajeeb Wazed Joy on Tuesday. She had called for justice for the destruction of the memorial of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at 32 Dhanmondi in Dhaka and urged her supporters to proceed to the Bangabandhu Bhavan on August 15, to hold prayer meetings.

Earlier this week, Mr. Hossein had said that Ms. Hasina's presence in India would not pose a hurdle in developing bilateral ties.

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Name of the Post	No. of Posts
Controller of Examinations	1
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The Time schedule of Third Round of Online Counseling for UP NEET MDS-2024

In continuation of the time-table issued by Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), Government of India, New Delhi, for counseling of NEET MDS course, the time-table of Third round of online counseling for admission of state quota seats of MDS course in Government/Private Dental Colleges/Universities of the State is as follows:-

S.No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of online registration	21st August 2024 (From 11:00 AM) To 23rd August 2024 (Till 05:00 PM)	03 Days
2	Date of depositing registration fee and security Fee	21st August 2024 (From 11:00 AM) To 24th August 2024 (Till 11:00 AM)	03 Days
3	Date of declaration of merit List	24th August 2024	01 Days
4	Date of online choice filling	24th August 2024 (From 02:00 PM) To 27th August 2024 (Till 11:00 AM)	03 Days
5	Date of declaration of result of seat allotment	27th August 2024	01 Days
6	Date for downloading allotment letters and admission process	28th August 2024 to 30th August 2024	03 Days

All information related to UP NEET MDS 2024 counseling will be uploaded on Departmental website **https://upneet.gov.in** and **www.dgme.up.gov.in**

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INSPIRING

President Murmu congratulates Indian Olympics contingent

PTI

President Droupadi Murmu, who met the Olympics contingent on Wednesday, congratulated the players for their excellent efforts and great performance and said that they were a source of inspiration for all the youth of the country, especially the young players, according to a Rashtrapati Bhavan post on X.

NOVEL FACE-OFF

Duplantis to take on Warholm in a 100m sprint race at Zurich

AFP

Pole vaulter Armand Duplantis, who broke his own world record at the Paris Olympics, will take on Karsten Warholm, the 400m hurdles world record-holder, in a 100m sprint race at Zurich on Sept. 4, organisers said Wednesday. Both athletes have run the 100 before with Warholm clocking 10.49 in 2017, and Duplantis 10.57 in 2018.

FIREPOWER

India can do a hat-trick over Australia, says Shastri

FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

India is capable of a hat-trick of Test series triumphs in Australia, feels former head coach Ravi Shastri. "It is going to be one heck of a series and India has every chance of making it a hat-trick because it has got its bowlers fit and if it can bat well, the side can tickle (beat) Australia once again," said Shastri.

GREAT START

Leggie Chahal grabs five wickets on Northamptonshire debut

Northamptonshire Steelbacks

India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal made a sensational debut for Northamptonshire Steelbacks, snapping five for 14 in his 10 overs to set up a nine-wicket win over Kent Spitfires in the One-Day Cup in Canterbury on Wednesday. The 34-year-old's signing was announced just an hour before his debut.

Vinesh's appeal for joint silver medal dismissed

IOA president expresses disappointment at the Court of Arbitration for Sport's decision and says the body continues to stand in full support of the grappler and is exploring further legal options

WRESTLING

Sports Bureau

Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat will not be awarded a silver medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics, after the *ad hoc* division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) dismissed her appeal for a joint silver medal on Wednesday.

"The application filed by Vinesh Phogat on 7 August 2024 is dismissed," said a CAS statement signed by the Sole Arbitrator Annabelle Bennett.

After reaching the women's 50kg final of her competition on August 7, Vinesh was disqualified for being a little over 100 grams overweight during the weigh-in.

Vinesh weighed 49.90kg on the morning ahead of her first-round bout, well within the permissible limit.

She, however, gained weight during the day as she secured three back-to-back wins, including one over defending Olympic champion Yui Susaki, to reach the quarterfinals.

Vinesh had appealed to be reinstated for the gold medal bout at first against USA's Sarah Hildebrandt, before altering the appeal and requesting a joint silver medal to be awarded to her.

Agony! It was heartbreak for Vinesh and Indian sports fans on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president P.T. Usha expressed her shock and disappointment at the decision of the Sole Arbitrator.

"The marginal discrepancy of a 100 grams and the resultant consequences has profound impact, not only in terms of Vinesh's career but also raises serious questions about ambiguous rules and their interpretation," the IOA said in a statement.

"The IOA firmly believes that the total disqualification of an athlete for such a weight infraction on the second of two days warrants a deeper examination. Our legal representatives had duly brought this out in their submissions before the Sole Arbitrator."

'Inhumane regulations'

The IOA further said that the entire saga highlighted the 'stringent and, arguably, inhumane regulations that fail to account for the physiological and psychological stresses athletes, particularly female athletes, undergo', hinting at the need for more 'equitable and reasonable standards that prioritise athletes' well-being.'

"In light of the order of the CAS, the IOA continues to stand in full support of Ms. Phogat and is exploring further legal options.

"The IOA is committed to ensuring that Vinesh's case is heard.

"It will continue to advocate justice and fairness in sports, ensuring that the rights and dignity of athletes and everyone in the sports fold are upheld at all times," the IOA added.

HI retires Sreejesh's jersey, appoints him as junior men's team coach

Honouring a legend: Paris Olympics bronze medallist Sreejesh celebrates with teammates and staff, wearing his jersey number in tribute, during a felicitation function on Wednesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Indian sports has never been big on gestures but P.R. Sreejesh's retirement function here was marked by several of them, all grand and unprecedented.

For the first time, a hockey player had formally called time on his career and was officially celebrated by the federation. 'Hockey India permanently retired his jersey number – 16 – from the senior men's team. "We will retain it in the juniors so that he can create many more Sreejesh," HI secretary general Bhola Nath Singh quipped.

Having announced his decision before the Paris Olympics, the 36-year old goalkeeper had already set the tone for his departure as a player. On Wednesday, he was officially named as coach of the junior men's team – the camp will start on October 1 with the first outing likely to be Sultan of Johor Cup from October 19to 26 – and mentor for goalkeepers in the senior side.

The entire Indian team and support staff turned up in specially-created Sreejesh jerseys to honour him, in the presence of his entire family. Teammates, coaches and former players shared their memories from the time together in the dressing room, all against a giant screen that had images from his two-decade long career flanking the words 'God of Modern Indian Hockey'.

Motivator

"I have never seen Sree take rest when he is on the ground. He has motivated more than one generation of players. But it is his hard work and focus that stands out. When we started, we were 17-18 in the world but even then, his target was for India to be No. 1. It is that focus which has brought him this far," former captain Sardar Singh revealed.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh shared his message before the bronze medal match against Spain. "He said, 'Machan, the game Indian team has shown in this tournament and the love we have received from everyone, that is a huge thing. This will be our last chance to lift Indian hockey again and go back a winner. I remember telling him *ye aapka last match hai* and he replied, *khelunga bhi waise hi*. And we all know what he did on the field'," an emotional Harmanpreet said.

Manpreet Singh, the other four-time Olympian in the side, expressed the team's confidence in Sreejesh during matches. "Like an elder brother, he would always motivate and keep yelling from behind, every mistake was instantly pointed out, in amazingly sweet words," he declared, inviting laughter from everyone.

"I remember during the 2014 Asian Games, he told us, 'if you guys take the game to shoot-out, I will get you the win'. And he did exactly that in the final against Pakistan. We could play freely up front because we knew Sree was there at the back even if we made a mistake."

Coach Harendra Singh, who scouted Sreejesh as a kid and brought him into the national fold for the first time, declared he was best placed to be a coach, not just because he was a great player but "the best human being ever, the best motivator, the best student of the game I have seen".

Pragg almost out of the race in rapid

CHESS

Press Trust of India
SAINT LOUIS (USA)

Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa continued to reel under pressure and could only manage two draws out of three games, on the second day of the rapid section of Saint Louis Rapid and blitz chess tournament here.

His draws came against So and Abdusattorov while Caruana handed him his third defeat of the tournament.

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Alireza Firouzja along with Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi shared the lead on eight points out of possible 12 under a rule that gives two points for a win in rapid and one for each draw.

Standings after round 6: 1-3: Ian Nepomniachtchi, Alireza Firouzja, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave 8 points; 4. Levon Aronian 7; 5. Lenier Dominguez 6; **6-9:** Wesley So, Hikaru Nakamura, Fabiano Caruana, Abdusattorov 5 each; 10. R. Praggnanandhaa 3.

Morne Morkel named India's bowling coach

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Former South Africa pacer Morne Morkel has been roped in as the Indian cricket team's new bowling coach, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Wednesday, completing the appointment of new head coach Gautam Gambhir's preferred support staff.

The other members of Gambhir'sstaff are assistant coach Abhishek Nayar, and fielding coach Ryan Ten Doeschate.

It is understood that the 39-year-old Morkel, who replaces Paras Mhambrey, will start his stint from the Bangladesh series that starts with the Test in Chennai from September 19. He has been appointed till the end of the 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa.

Morkel was also Gambhir's preferred choice, having worked with him at Lucknow Super Giants during the Indian's two IPL seasons as mentor of the franchise.

Morne Morkel. GETTY IMAGES

Morkel has played 86 Tests, 117 ODIs and 44 T20Is for South Africa with a total of 544 international wickets.

He will be reporting at the National Cricket Academy at the start of next month and is expected to watch the Duleep Trophy games. Once there, he will also touch base with V.V.S. Laxman and head of bowling in NCA, Troy Cooley.

Morkel had last year worked with the Pakistan team till the end of the ODI World Cup and quit before his contract expired.

No Rohit, Kohli in Duleep Trophy squads; Pant makes red-ball return

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Shubman Gill, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Ruturaj Gaikwad, and Shreyas Iyer will lead the four teams that will compete in the Duleep Trophy, which will be played from September 5 to 22 in Bengaluru and Anantapur.

The BCCI's senior selection committee announced the squads on Wednesday, and the tournament will kickstart the Indian domestic season 2024-25.

Joining the camp

India captain Rohit Sharma and veteran Virat Kohli – amid speculations about a rare domestic First Class appearance – have preferred to skip the game and will join the Test squad's preparatory camp in Chennai ahead of the first Test against Bangladesh, starting September 19.

The BCCI statement clarified that the ones who will be picked in the Test squad will be replaced after the first round of games.

Another chance: Shreyas and Kishan are back in the mix after missing out on a central contract. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Meanwhile, Rishabh Pant will return to First Class cricket for the first time in nearly two years since his life-threatening car crash.

The wicketkeeper-batter's last red-ball game was in the second Test against Bangladesh in Mirpur in December 2022.

Apart from the Test regulars and performers in last year's Ranji Trophy, Ishan Kishan – who lost his central contract for not featuring in domestic cricket, alongside Shreyas – has also been selected.

Team A: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Mayank Agarwal, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel, K.L. Rahul, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Tanush Kotian, Kuldeep Yadav, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan, Vidwath Kaverappa, Kumar Kushagra, Shaswat Rawat.

Team B: Abhimanyu Easwaran (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant, Musheer Khan, Nitish Kumar Reddy*, Washington Sundar, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohd. Siraj, Yash Dayal, Mukesh Kumar, Rahul Chahar, R. Sai Kishore, Mohit Awasthi, N. Jagadeesan (wk).

Team C: Ruturaj Gaikwad (Capt.), B. Sai Sudharsan, Rajat Patidar, Abishek Porel (wk), Suryakumar Yadav, B. Indrajith, Hrithik Shokeen, Manav Suthar, Umran Malik, Vyshak Vijaykumar, Anshul Khamboj, Himanshu Chauhan, Mayank Markande, Aryan Juyal (wk), Sandeep Warrier.

Team D: Shreyas Iyer (Capt.), Atharva Taide, Yash Dubey, Devdutt Padikkal, Ishan Kishan (wk), Ricky Bhui, Saransh Jain, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Aditya Thakare, Harshit Rana, Tushar Deshpande, Akash Sengupta, K.S. Bharat (wk), Saurabh Kumar.

*Subject to clearing fitness test.

Australia-A women win opening one-dayer against India-A

Press Trust of India
MACKAY (AUSTRALIA)

Fine half-centuries by middle-order batters Raghvi Bist and Tejal Hasabnis went in vain as India-A women lost their opening one-day match against Australia-A by four wickets, with Katie Mack scoring a century for the winner on Wednesday.

India, after setting a modest victory target of 250, thanks mainly to Tejal's 53 (67b, 7x4) and Raghvi's 82 (102 b, 6x4), was thwarted by Aussie opener Katie's 129 (126b, 11x4).

The scores: India-A 249/9 in 50 overs (Tejal Hasabnis 53, Raghvi Bist 82, Nicola Hancock 2/40, Maitlan Brown 4/23, Grace Parsons 2/40) lost to Australia-A 250/6 in 47 overs (Katie Mack 129, Tahlia McGrath 56; Meghna Singh 2/43, Minnu Mani 2/53). **Toss:** Australia A.

INBRIEF

Indian Army FT shocks Jamshedpur FC, advances

The Indian Army Football Team pulled off a stunning 3-2 comeback victory over Jamshedpur FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex Stadium in Jamshedpur to book its place in the quarterfinals of the 133rd Durand Cup. The Red Miners probably thought they had the game sealed, going into half-time 2-0 up thanks to goals from their Spanish striker Javier Siverio. However, the Army men scored thrice in the space of 14 minutes in the second half, to make their second consecutive quarterfinals as Group D toppers with an impressive 100% win record. Jamshedpur FC finished second with two wins from three games and six points to show. JFC has to wait for the results of other groups to see if it can sneak in as one of the two second-best sides in the six groups.

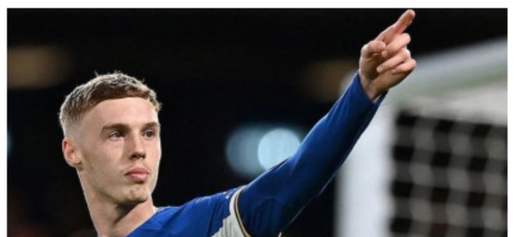
The result: Jamshedpur FC 2 (Siverio 42-pen, 45+3) lost to Indian Army Football Team 3 (Ramakrishnan 70, A. Thapa 77, B. Thapa 83).

Shaw to miss United's first three Premier League games

Manchester United defender Luke Shaw has suffered a fresh injury setback and will miss the opening three games of the season, the Premier League giant announced on Tuesday. The England full-back has sustained a calf injury which United says will keep him out until next month's international break. Shaw will now miss United's Premier League fixtures at home to Fulham and Liverpool, as well as the trip to Brighton.

Manchester United signs de Ligt and Mazraoui

Manchester United has signed Matthijs de Ligt and Noussair Mazraoui from Bayern Munich, the Premier League club announced on Tuesday. Fees for the pair were not disclosed by the English giant, but British media reports estimated the duo had arrived at Old Trafford for a combined £60 million. Netherlands defender de Ligt, 25, will now join up again with United manager Erik ten Hag, having played under him at Dutch side Ajax, after agreeing a five-year contract with the option of another year. Mazraoui, 26, also played under ten Hag at Ajax.



Palmer wants to 'bring trophies' to Chelsea

England forward Cole Palmer has signed a two-year contract extension with Chelsea, the Premier League club announced on Tuesday. The 22-year-old has committed himself to the London side until June 2033. "I'm delighted to sign this new deal," Cole told Chelsea's official website. "I achieved a lot in my first season here, and hopefully I can continue to experience great things at this club, both on a personal level and in terms of bringing success and trophies to Chelsea."

LIVE TELECAST

West Indies vs South Africa: 2nd Test, day 1, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

EBFC goes down fighting to Altyn Asyr, will play AFC Challenge Cup

The Turkmenistan side recovers from a goal down to beat the home team, impressing with its high-press approach

ACL TWO

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Turkmenistan side Altyn Asyr FC recovered from a goal deficit to beat home favourite East Bengal FC 3-2 in the Preliminary 1 tie of the AFC Champions League Two (ACL Two) at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Wednesday.

East Bengal started with promise and found its initiative paying off in the seventh minute when David Hmar found the Asyr net. East Bengal showed intent and effort to invade the opposition box at regular intervals and found the break as Nandhakumar Sekar chugged up the left channel to set up David, who dived low to connect with a fine header.

Altyn Asyr goalkeeper Batyr Babayev blocked the effort just to see the ball rebound to the East Bengal forward, who made no mistake with his tap in.

On a high: Altyn Asyr's players celebrate a goal during their match against East Bengal. PTI

Stung by the early reverse, the Turkmenistan side opted for a high-press approach and found the equaliser in the 17th minute. Myrat Annayev beat an attempted off-side trap by the home side and neatly placed the ball into the left corner of the net. The host conceded further as Altyn Asyr made it 2-1 in the 27th minute off a fine free-kick conversion from Selim Nurmyradov.

The visitor continued to impress with its combination play after the interval, which helped it breach the East Bengal defence once again early in the second half.

Annayev did the hard work as he sped up the right to fire an angular shot that was tapped home by Mihail Titov to create a two-goal cushion for Altyn Asyr in the 52nd minute.

Spanish midfielder Saul Crespo showed some fine skills to dribble past a couple of Asyr defenders and finally curled it past the opponent goalkeeper to make it 2-3 for East Bengal.

The host put up a great fight and almost got the equaliser in the 80th minute just to see the goal by its Brazilian forward Cleiton Silva disallowed by the referee for an infringement. The loss meant East Bengal will now be playing in the AFC Challenge Cup later in the year.

The result:

East Bengal FC 2 (David Hmar 7, Saul Crespo 59) lost to Altyn Asyr FC 3 (Myrat Annayev 17, Selim Nurmyradov 27, Mihail Titov 52).

AIFF to organise charity matches

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) will organise two charity matches to raise fund for relief work in Kerala and Himachal Pradesh, which have been devastated by natural disasters.

The AIFF is trying to schedule its first benefit match in Manjeri (Malappuram district, Kerala) on August 30 between Mohammedan Sporting Club and a Super League Kerala XI.

AIFF has proposed September 2 as the date for the second charity match in Lucknow.

"I am happy that one of India's oldest clubs, Mohammedan Sporting, immediately agreed to our proposal for the cause of humanity," AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said in a release.

Buchi Babu tournament from today

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

If its revival after a five-year gap was the highlight last season, it is the participation of reputed India cricketers this time around as the Buchi Babu Memorial All India invitational cricket tournament gets underway across four venues – Tirunelveli, Salem, Coimbatore, and Natham – on Thursday.

The tournament features 12 teams, divided into four groups of three each. India players Suryakumar Yadav, Sarfaraz Khan, Ishan Kishan, and Shreyas Iyer, and IPL stars Ashutosh Sharma and Abdul Samad are set to take the field.

While Sarfaraz will lead Mumbai, Suryakumar and Shreyas will reportedly join the team for its second match versus TNCA XI from Aug. 27 in Coimbatore.

Ishan Kishan is expected to lead Jharkhand, while Ashutosh and Samad will turn up for Railways and J&K respectively.

The groupings: Group-A: Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Hyderabad; **Group-B:** Railways, Gujarat, TNCA President's XI; **Group-C:** Mumbai, Haryana, TNCA XI; **Group-D:** Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Baroda.

First round fixtures: Group-A: Madhya Pradesh vs. Jharkhand (Tirunelveli); **Group-B:** Railways vs. Gujarat (Salem); **Group-C:** Mumbai vs. Haryana (Coimbatore); **Group-D:** Jammu & Kashmir vs. Chhattisgarh (Natham).

Ramkumar and Paris exit in the last 16

Sports Bureau

Ramkumar Ramanathan, seeded second with Joshua Paris of Britain, was beaten 6-4, 6-3 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals by Scott Duncan and Hunter Reese in the €74,825 Challenger tennis tournament in Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Poland.

Other results:

$25,000 ITF men, Muttenz, Switzerland: Singles (first round): Mischa Lanz (Sui) bt Siddhant Banthia 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

$15,000 ITF men, Bielsko Biala, Poland: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Aryan Lakshmanan & Przemyslaw Michocki (Pol) bt Filip Bojko & Jakub Hrynkiewicz (Pol) 6-7(5), 7-5, [10-8].

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Raen Hermassi (Tun) & Yazid Lahjomri (Mar) bt Chirag Duhan & Aliaksandr Liaonenka 6-3, 2-6, [11-9].

$40,000 ITF women, Ourense, Spain: Singles (first round): Haruka Kaji (Jpn) bt Madhurima Sawant 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Nahia Berecoechea (Fra) & Alina Charaeva bt Ankita Raina & Vasanti Shinde 6-1, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, Xiamen, China: Singles (first round): Xun Fang Ying (Chn) bt Riya Bhatia 7-6(2), 6-3.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Riya Bhatia & Michika Ozeki (Jpn) bt Wei Zhang-Qian & Zhang Zi Ye (Chn) 6-4, 6-1.

Zeeshan steps down as Davis Cup coach

Time to stop: Zeeshan says he has already achieved whatever there was to achieve as far as Davis Cup was concerned.
FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Zeeshan Ali on Wednesday announced that he has resigned from his position as coach of the Indian Davis Cup team, a month before the national team's next assignment against Sweden in Stockholm.

Zeeshan, 54, had replaced Nandan Bal as coach of the team in 2013 ahead of the tie against South Korea in New Delhi.

"I've been coach of the Davis Cup team for 11 years now. To top it all, I was also the captain of the Davis Cup, the historic tie that we played against Pakistan in Pakistan earlier on this year. I don't think there is any such person from any country who has had the privilege and honour of doing all these three things," he said.

"There have been players who were captains, but I don't think there has been a situation where the player was a coach and then the coach was also the captain of the team.

"So having done all these three things, I felt that I have already achieved whatever there was to achieve as far as Davis Cup was concerned. And frankly speaking, I have been thinking about this for quite some time now."

India takes on Sweden on hard indoor court in Stockholm on September 14-15.

Dodda Ganesh named Kenyan men's cricket team coach

Press Trust of India
NAIROBI

Former Indian all-rounder Dodda Ganesh has been appointed head coach of Kenya's men's cricket team ahead of the Africa Qualifiers for the 2026 T20 World Cup.

Ganesh, 51, who played four Tests and an ODI without much success but did alright in First-Class cricket scoring over 2000 runs and taking 365 wickets for Karnataka, will have the unenviable task of bringing back the glory days of Kenyan cricket when it competed in five World Cups between 1996 and 2011.

The best-ever finish of the Associate Member was in 2003 when it reached the semifinals in South Africa with an Indian head coach in Sandeep Patil.

Kenya has qualified for just one edition of the T20 World Cup, which was back in 2007.

Since then, Kenyan cricket has gone into a downward spiral. It will face Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Denmark and Jersey in the ICC Division 2 Challenge League in September and T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers in October.

The men's 2026 T20 World Cup will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

Dodda Ganesh.
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> Privileged to be named the head coach of the Kenya cricket team
> **DODDA GANESH**

Ganesh said he is looking forward to the new role.

"Privileged to be named the head coach of the Kenya cricket team," the former India cricketer posted on 'X'.

In a video shared by the media here, Ganesh can be seen interacting with senior Kenya cricket officials.

Ganesh will be assisted by former Kenyan internationals Lameck Onyango and Joseph Angara, who will be his deputies.

Mystics to take on Blasters in the Maharaja Trophy opener

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Devdutt Padikkal's Gulbarga Mystics will face Mayank Agarwal's Bengaluru Blasters in the opening game of the Shriram Capital Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday.

Shivamogga Lions takes on Mysore Warriors, led by Karun Nair, in the second fixture of the day.

Bengaluru will host all matches in the tournament.

This is sure to disappoint fans in cities like Mysuru and Hubli, who generally turn up in big numbers to witness cricket action.

KarunNair.
FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

The KSCA has defended the decision to keep the tournament in Bengaluru, citing that only the Chinnaswamy Stadium has an adequate drainage system to combat the expected monsoon.

The league games will be held from Thursday to August 29. The final will be held on September 1. The top four teams at the end of the league stage will qualify for the semifinals.

Warriors captain Karun Nair, last season's top run-scorer, emphasised the team's positive morale ahead of the match against the Lions.

"The key for us is to take it one game at a time. Our camp in Mysore has been crucial for team bonding, and we've had productive practice sessions. I'm focused on replicating last season's success, but my primary goal is to lead the team to victories," Karun said.

Amreli takes the honours in Karnataka Sub-Area Cup

BENGALURU: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal's Amreli (Sandesh up), won the Karnataka Sub-Area Cup, the main event of the races held here on Wednesday (Aug 14). The winner is trained by Pradeep Annaiah.

THE RESULTS:

1. LITTLEOVER PLATE: TRUE PUNCH (Kiran Rai) 1, Napolean (Akshay K) 2, Cascais (Sandesh) 3 and Complete Package (G. Vivek) 4. 1/2, Nk and 2. 1m, 14.31s. ₹18 (w), 11, 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 37, FP: 103, Q: 65, Trinella: 212, Exacta: 812. Favourite: True Punch. Owner: Mr. Anil Saraf. Trainer: M. Rajendra Singh.

2. TUDOR JET STAKES: JOON (Koshi K) 1, Stravinsky (Suraj) 2, Breeze Bluster (Faizan Khan) 3 and Asagiri (Vinod Shinde) 4. 1, 3/4 and Nk. 1m, 26.29s. ₹195 (w), 24, 12 and 18 (p), SHP: 23, THP: 38, FP: 1,479, Q: 324, Trinella: 5,069, Exacta: 35,206. Favourite: Storm Shadow. Owners: Mr. Deepak Kumar & Mr. Aravind Ganapathy. Trainer: G. Aravind.

3. MAMMA'S MINK PLATE: SASSY (Akshay K) 1, Star Concept (P. Siddaraju) 2, Aldila (Antony) 3 and Irish Rockstar (Sandesh) 4. 2-3/4, 2 and 1. 1m, 37.21s. ₹42 (w), 18, 35 and 26 (p), SHP: 123, THP: 45, FP: 598, Q: 393, Trinella: 2,199, Exacta: 9,971. Favourite: Irish Rockstar. Owners: Five Stars Shipping Co Pvt Ltd, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP & Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

4. DR. K.M. SRINIVASA GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY: NEVER GIVE IN (Antony) 1, Bourbonaire (Suraj) 2, Light The World (J. Chinoy) 3 and Jersey King (Sandesh) 4. Not run: Ashwa Vedha. Shd, 3-1/4 and 1-1/4. 1m, 12.95s. ₹29 (w), 14, 12 and 26 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 65, FP: 102, Q: 35, Trinella: 746, Exacta: 1,638. Favourite: Jersey King. Owners: Mr. N. Nitin Chengappa, M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Adil K. Gandhy, Mrs. Yashika Apana, Mr. Gautam Basapa, Mr. V. Narayanan, Mr. J. Krishnadev Rao, Mr. Ravikanth Badruka & Mr. N.R. Nandan. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

5. KARNATAKA SUB-AREA CUP: AMRELI (Sandesh) 1, Czar (Antony) 2, Auspicious Queen (Angad) 3 and Tripitaka (G. Vivek) 4. 1/2, 2 and 1-3/4. 1m, 12.56s. ₹29 (w), 19, 11 and 16 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 58, FP: 89, Q: 35, Trinella: 469, Exacta: 943. Favourite: Czar. Owner: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

6. MAHALAKSHMI PLATE: TIGERKING (Koshi K) 1, Sand Castles (P. Sai Kumar) 2, Quick Witted (Sandesh) 3 and Sunlit Path (Salman Khan) 4. 14, 1-1/2 and 3-1/4. 1m, 38.14s. ₹42 (w), 18, 27 and 15 (p), SHP: 64, THP: 46, FP: 1,135, Q: 636, Trinella: 4,240, Exacta: 14,172. Favourite: Quick Witted. Owner: Mr. H.S. Chandre Gowda. Trainer: M. Rajendra Singh.

7. FLIRTING VISION PLATE: STAR ADMIRAL (G. Vivek) 1, Capri Girl (Sai Kiran) 2, Mega Success (Jagadeesh) 3 and Ancient History (Akshay K) 4. Snk, 1-1/4 and 3. 1m, 14.09s. ₹25 (w), 14, 16 and 24 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 46, FP: 71, Q: 41, Trinella: 254, Exacta: 822. Favourite: Star Admiral. Owner: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: G. Aravind.

Jackpot: ₹13,465 (16 tkts.); Runner-up: 1,964 (47 tkts.); Treble (i): 8,451 (one tkt.); (ii): 1,145 (12 tkts.).

The contenders: Arsenal, which ran City close the last two seasons, and Liverpool, the only one to break City's title run for one season since 2017, are the only two who look to be in the same league as the current champion. REUTERS

Manchester City still the team to beat in the Premier League

Arsenal looks to be the best equipped to win its first title since 2004 while new coach Slot will have his task cut out to make a challenge with Liverpool

FOOTBALL

Associated Press

A look at some of the big talking points heading into the new Premier League season, which starts on Friday when Manchester United hosts Fulham.

Stopping City

Since 2017, only one team – Liverpool, in 2020 – has stopped Manchester City winning the title. Can anyone stop Pep Guardiola's juggernaut capturing a record-extending fifth straight title in what could be a tumultuous season for the champions?

Arsenal took City all the way last season, having collapsed late the year before, and looks to be the best equipped to win what would be its first title since 2004. Otherwise, only Liverpool seems capable of producing the consistency to finish ahead of City – and that is a big ask for Arne Slot in his first season in charge since replacing Jurgen Klopp as manager.

Manchester United and Chelsea should improve after more heavy spending in the offseason, but they are unlikely to deliver a sustained push for the title.

Improved VAR?

It will be the sixth season of video reviews in England's top division – and it still hasn't prevented regular flashpoints popping up, much to the frustration of players, managers and fans alike.

New for this season is an account on X dedicated to offering live refereeing and VAR clarifications and explainers from all matches. Semi-automated offside technology will be in use for the first time, though not until a few months into the season.

And there will be an enhanced in-stadium experience for fans, with replays shown on the big screen when a video review has led to a decision being overturned, a delay to a restart or a goal being disallowed.

Teams will do well to top the record 1,246 goals scored last season, which was a staggering 162 more than the previous most for a single campaign. It worked out at 3.28 goals per match – never before had it exceeded 2.85.

Increased amounts of stoppage time, more adventurous managers and VAR interventions were credited as some of the reasons behind the soaring numbers of goals. Will it continue this season?

Long season

For some, this could be the longest ever club season. Take the players at Manchester City, who have just started the season by winning the Community Shield on Saturday and might not finish it until the final of FIFA's expanded and revamped Club World Cup, scheduled for July 13 next year in the USA.

Make that an 11-month season for City and Chelsea, the other Premier League team involved in the Club World Cup.

City manager Pep Guardiola has already gone public with his concerns that there is too much football on the calendar, with the Champions League also expanding for this season.

Everton and Nottingham Forest were hit with points deductions last season for overspending, forcing all the clubs in the league to take a closer look at their finances to ensure compliance with the competition's regulations that are being more strictly applied. Leicester, one of the three promoted teams, is facing a points deduction for breaching spending rules during its previous stay in the Premier League.

Judging by some of the creative transfer activity in the last weeks of June and the lack of blockbuster signings so far in the summer window, teams appear to be more aware of what it takes to comply.

NZ comes up with its best-ever Olympic show

Associated Press
WELLINGTON

The omission of New Zealand from the world map which was a centrepiece of the Paris Olympics closing ceremony might have seemed a particular snub to the nation of 5 million which finished 11th on the medal table with 10 golds and 20 medals overall.

It was explained the map represented the five inhabited continents and that Australia stood in for Oceania. The Parisian omission had a particular sting because New Zealand had just produced its best-ever Olympic performance.

Measured on gold medals alone, New Zealand finished ahead of Canada and Spain, nations many times its size.

On a per-capita basis, New Zealand won one gold medal for every 533,890 people or one medal of any colour for every 258,000 people. That placed it third on the per-capital medal table behind Dominica and St. Lucia which both won one gold medal. Dominica has a population of about 67,000 and St. Lucia around 184,000.

Of the 20 medals New Zealand won in Paris, 14 – including eight golds – were won by women or women's teams.

Over-achiever

When the Olympics ended London's *The Times* posed the question "Who Won The Olympics." It named New Zealand as the over-achiever of the Games.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Suvik takes six-wicket haul for Sri Kumaran

Suvik Gill starred with a six-wicket haul (6/11) as Sri Kumaran PS, ICSE, B-62 recorded a thumping 10-wicket win over Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya in the K.M. Ramprasad Shield U-16 second division tournament.

The scores:

Sri Kumaran PS, ICSE, B–62 44 in 29.5 overs (Suvik Gill 6/11) lost to Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya 45 for no loss in 4.1 overs.

Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul International 58 in 18 overs (Ashith Kumar Gowda 5/31, P.J. Vishist 3/3) lost to Chinmaya Vidyalaya 59/2 in 11.1 overs.

The Regency PS 131 in 31.4 overs (Shreyas N. Shetty 62, K. Vaishnav 3/39, K.G. Vishal 4/29) lost to Florence PS 132 for no loss in 16 overs (Aditya Raj 78 n.o., N.S. Deeraj Babu Reddy 28 n.o.).

Venkat International PS 166 in 31.5 overs (Tejas 27, Mahir H. Rathod 42, S. Gurucharan 4/34, G. Sai Gaurav 3/37) bt Ryan International, Kundalahalli 130 in 40 overs (Chirag Rangaswamy 4/19).

Army PS 191 in 37.2 overs (Ayush Saha 46, Mokshit 31, J. Uthisran 34, Shoiab 3/9, Kevin 4/39) bt St. John's HS 85 in 24.2 overs (S. Sri Balaji 6/16)

Innisfree House School 64 in 30.2 overs (H. Dhruv Acharya 5/13) lost to School Vivekananda 64/1 in 15.4 overs (H. Dhruv Acharya 27 n.o.).

Abhay excels in Vidyashilp-A's triumph

Abhay Sidhantha scored a brace to lead Vidyashilp-A to a 4-1 victory over Frank Anthony Public School in the final of the SJBHS Fr. Claude D'Souza Memorial five-a-side hockey tournament here on Wednesday.

The results (final):

Vidyashilp-A 4 (Abhay Sidhantha 4, 10, R. Manvith Jaiyaraj 7, Sholk Satyasundraram 9) bt Frank Antony Public School 1 (P. Manish 3).

Centenary Shield (U-17) (semifinals):

St. Joseph's BHS 4 (Joel Paul 14, 27, 27, Samson Dale Shepherd 43) bt Sarla Birla Academy 0; Chinmaya Vidyalaya 1 (Mahendra 12) bt Vidyashilp Academy 1 (Nived Nair 32) [1-0 after shoot-out].

Dhusal 'tricks as Bengaluru Blues-B storms into the final

Dhushal scored a hat-trick as Bengaluru Blues-B defeated Blue Star 8-2 to enter the final of the KSHA D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here on Wednesday.

In the summit clash, Blues will meet Adhiyamaan College of Engineering which overcame Bangalore United HC after a shoot-out.

The results (semifinals):

Adhiyamaan College of Engg 3 (Shevaak 34, Dharsan 47, Rahuman 53) bt Bangalore United 3 (Praveen 50, Kiran 56, Vivek 57) [4-3 after shoot-out].

Bengaluru Blues-B 8 (Hariharan 4, 35, Dhushal 12, 23, 44, Suraj 40, Manoj 48, 50) bt Blue Star 2 (S. Shreyas 6, Ayyappa 51).

Maatru Pratishtana posts win

Santosh scored twice as Maatru Pratishtana beat Rebels Women's FC 3-1 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Wednesday.

The results:

Bengaluru FC 3 (Ruthu Sreenandan 51, Fatima Braganza 57, Rhenna Liz Jacob 90+1) bt Pink Panthers 0.

Maatru Pratishtana FC 3 (Sanjana 51, Santosh 56, 73) bt Rebels Women's FC 1 (Senorita Nongpluh 37).

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

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3	2024_KMML_683937_1	For sundry transportation of goods from various parts of the country to Kollam for Titanium Dioxide Pigment Unit, Chavara
4	2024_KMML_683524_1	For the supply of M.S.Open Top Drumswith lid, Oring/Gasket and Clamping ring
5	2024_KMML_685560_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug valves and PTFE Sleeved Plug valves
6	2024_KMML_684892_1	For fabrication & supply of Sulphuric Acid Cooler E315
7	2024_KMML_685370_1	For the supply of Support Roller Assembly for Roaster and Calciner K101/101A/301/301A-4 Nos and Thrust Roller Assembly without Tie Rod-2 ST
8	2024_KMML_683190_1	Implementation of Condensate Recovery system from U200 & U300 of Titanium Pigment production unit of KMML

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Those Participating Contractors who qualify in the financial bid should visit the office and deposit the difference amount and P.S.D. amount in the form of F.D.R. within 20 days of opening of the tender (As per Rule Sl. No. 13). As it is e-system and being paper less there is no scope for any correspondence. Further information can be obtained during the working hours of the office.

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ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ1.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:16:2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–08–2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ – 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ವಿಶೇಷ ಅನುದಾನ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಮೂಲ ನಿಧಿ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ಮುಕ್ತನಿಧಿ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಶೇಡ 7.25 ರಡಿ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ದರಪಟ್ಟಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನ – 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 12 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.01 ರಿಂದ 3 & 6 ರವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ:– ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13–08–2024 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 27–08–2024 ಸಮಯ : 16.30 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 27–08–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 29–08–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.05

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.04, 05, 07 ಮತ್ತು 08 ರಿಂದ 12 ರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ :– ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13–08–2024 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 21–08–2024 ಸಮಯ : 16.30 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 21–08–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 23–08–2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.05

ಪಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/244/ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25
ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

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Dated: 13.08.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Raichur district invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW- 4 on E-procurement portal for 03 no of tender works pertaining to Raichur district. The amount for the mentioned work varies from Rs. **100.00 to 125.00** Lakhs. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **16.08.2024**. Last date & time for receipt of tender is **26.08.2024** time 17.30 hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on **21.08.2024**, 11.00 Hours, Date & time for opening of technical bid **28-08-2024** time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **30-08-2024** time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/252/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, M/s. SWEN INFRASTRUCTURES, having its registered office at: Sy.No.96/1, Reliable Lake Dew Residency, Phase I, Near Little Elly School, Harlur, Bangalore is the absolute owner of the Property described in the Schedule hereunder.
It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Converted Property bearing **Sy.No.96/5 (Old Sy.No.96/1)** and **Sy. No. 96/6 (Old Sy.No.96/1)** measuring to an extent of **34 Guntas** having BBMP Katha No. 1207/96/5, 96/6, duly converted vide Official Memorandum No. ALN/U2P/SR 21/23-24 and ALN/U2P/SR 20/23-24, dated: 27.06.2023, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP situated at Haraluru village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the; **East by :** Remaining portion of Sy. No. 96/5 and 96/6. **West by :** Land in Sy. No. 96/3. **North by :** Road and Survey No. 112. **South by :** Land in Sy.No.96/1 belonging to Mr. Anupam Reddy
Dated this 15th day of August 2024 at Bangalore

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆನಸರಾ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಕಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/ನ.ನಿ/69,79,80/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–08–2024.

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ 2.0 ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ).

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ ಸರಬರಾಜು / ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ 2.0 ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಚಿಸುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು WWW.KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸ ತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ WWW.raichurcity.mrc. gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಅನುದಾನದ ವಿವರ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ	ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ
01	ನಗರಸಭೆ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ	Detailed Estimate of Repair Work for Existing Raja Caluve at Devi Nagar in frount of Govt Primary School and Auto Driver Thimappa House Ward No - 21 In Raichur City. **Estimate Amount Rs. 9,06,000/-**	DMA/ 2024-25/OW/ WORK_ INDENT26132
02		Proposed Construction of RCC Drian from Mochivadia Circle to Usmaniya Masjid at Ward No 14 In Raichur City **Estimate Amount Rs. 26,50,000/-**	DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_ INDENT26129
03		Providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for The Urban Infrastructure Works for The Urban Local Bodies of Raichur CMC Under SFC, 15th Finance, NMPC, SBM 1.0, SBM 2.0, Special Grant and Other Grant Scheme **Estimate Amount Rs. 50,00,000/-**	DMA/2024-25/ SE3439

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ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TUMKUR TERRITORIAL DIVISION, TUMKUR
E-Mail:dcftmk_dcftmk@yahoo.co.in
No:A/BUD/KMERC/E-TENDER/CR-19/2024-25
Dated: 25.07.2024

E-Tender Notification

E-Tender is invited by the Forest Department, Tumkur Territorial Division pertaining to Chikkanayakanahalli, Bukkapatna, Gubbi, Tiptur, Madhugiri and Koratagere ranges under CEPMIZ (KMERC) Scheme for Advance Works, Excavation of CPT, Grassland rejuvenation works, Percolation Trenches, Creation and Maintenance of fire lines, Maintenance of Sandalwood Plantation and other works for the year 2024-25. The Bidder needs to be Registered as Forest Contractor during 2024-25 for Forestry works can participate for the following works.
Total Number of Works: 108. Highest Value of the Work Rs.71,84,000/-. Highest Value EMD Rs 1,43,682/-, Lowest Value of the Work Rs 1,05,735/-, Lowest Value EMD Rs 2,643/-, Bid Submission Closing Date & Time: 27-08-2024 at 3:00 PM. Technical Bid Opening Date : 28-08-2024 at 3:00 PM. Price Bid Opening Date : 29-08-2024 at 3:00 PM. Last date for Bid Enquiry : 14-08-2024 at 3:00 PM. If bid are not getting success on 27-08-2024 the Auto extension date for 2nd bid will be on 04-09-2024 with the same tender conditions given. For more information about this tender may contact our office at office timings and more details on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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